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Town Officers for the Year 1931

SELECTMEN

Joseph W. Linehan, Chairman
Albert E. Wood
Frank C. Wade

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Albert E. Wood, Chairman
Joseph W. Linehan
Frank C. Wade

ASSESSORS OF TAXES

Frank C. Wade, Chairman	Term expires 1934
Frank P. Keith	Term expires 1933
Leonard H. Porter	Term expires 1932

TOWN CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Harry R. Franklin

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary L. Howard, Chairman	Term expires 1933
Arthur F. Anderson	Term expires 1934
Heman Howard	Term expires 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gilbert C. Mann

BOARD OF HEALTH

David J. O'Connell, Chairman	Term expires 1933
Frank E. Tilden, M. D.	Term expires 1932
Cora M. Hennigar	Term expires 1934

TREE WARDEN

Roscoe W. Melendy

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Roscoe W. Melendy

FOREST WARDEN

Daniel F. Lordan

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

J. Clinton Goward

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

John M. Smith

MODERATOR

Leo M. Harlow

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Frank E. Wilbur

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

J. Clinton Goward

CHIEF OF POLICE

Elisha T. Ellis

CONSTABLES

Elisha T. Ellis
Joseph A. Schindler

MEMBERS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edgar W. Baldwin
Edgar A. Craig
John A. Henderson
John B. Howard
William N. Howard
J. Clement Johnson

Neubert B. Morse
Frank J. McMenamy
Thomas A. O'Connor
Warren S. Rice
Martin E. Reynolds
Elijah H. Smith
C. Bateman Swasey
Edwin H. White

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Patrick J. Readdy

DOG OFFICER

Joseph A. Schindler

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Luther E. Swift, Chairman	Term expires 1932
Frank A. White	Term expires 1933
Sigfrid V. Ledin	Term expires 1934

Report of the Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 1931

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton, on Monday, the fifth day of January next at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, Walnut Street, so called, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of said way.

ARTICLE 2. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1930.

LEONARD H. PORTER,
FRANK P. KEITH,
FRANK C. WADE,
Selectmen of Easton.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 5, 1931

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M. and the warrant read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept as a Town way Walnut Street so called, as laid out by the Selectmen, and that the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the work. It was the sense of the meeting that the work be undertaken as soon as practicable, under the direction of the regular authorities, in order to provide some measure of employment for the unemployed.

Voted that the street be known as Park Street.

ARTICLE 2. No business transacted under this article.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record, Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1931

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton on Monday, the second day of March next, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Board of Health, Town Accountant and Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1932, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1932, and issue notes of the Town therefor.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.00) for Memorial Day, to be expended under the direction of George S. Shepard Post, American Legion.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate from surplus revenue a sufficient sum to cover certain unpaid bills of 1930 and bills rendered after the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the interest accrued on the Schoolhouse Building Fund or such part thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of completing the grading at the High School lot, or otherwise provide funds for that purpose, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the

Selectmen to purchase land adjoining the Town Barn property on Center Street and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way that portion of Foundry Street and Norton Avenue between Highland Street and the Norton line, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate money for the improvement of said way.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck for the Road Department, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 11. To hear the report of the committee appointed by the Selectmen as directed by vote of the last annual Town Meeting, to consider the purchase of fire apparatus of the North Easton Village District, and other matters relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town will take with respect to the purchase of additional fire apparatus to be located in the North Easton district and in the South Easton district.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to build a garage for the Police Department, or otherwise provide for housing the police automobile.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to set apart a portion of the old burying ground on the Southerly side of Church Street, not now used for burial purposes, as a town playground.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to consider the establishing of a Town water department, as outlined in the report of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the election of Constables beginning in 1932.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitant of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, in Precinct One to meet at the Town Hall, those residing in Precinct Two to meet at Ames Memorial Hall, and those residing in Precinct Three to meet at the South Easton Schoolhouse on Monday, the ninth day of March next at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes, all on one ballot, for one member of the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, and School Committee, for the term of three years; Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, five Constables and a Finance Committee of fifteen, for the term of one year.

The polls will be open fifteen minutes before six o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at three o'clock P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each meeting house and post office in said town, and at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said business meeting, and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hand this seventeenth day of February in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

LEONARD H. PORTER,
FRANK P. KEITH,
FRANK C. WADE,
Selectmen of Easton.

Bristol, ss. Easton, February 20, 1931.

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

ELISHA T. ELLIS,
Constable of Easton.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1931

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M., and the warrant read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Voted to accept the report of the Assessors.

Voted to accept the report of the Board of Public Welfare.

Voted to accept the report of the Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the report of the Town Treasurer.

Voted to accept the report of the Collector of Taxes.

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee.

Voted to accept the report of the Board of Health.

Voted to accept the report of the Town Accountant.

Voted to accept the report of the Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion of Mr. William N. Howard, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the following appropriations were voted for the year 1931:

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Assessors' Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 for salary of Assistant to the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Election Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for Reserve Fund.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,600.00 for the Fire Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for Forest Warden's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the Health Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Inspection of Animals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Incidentals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 for Insurance.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for Interest on Notes.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of of $600.00 for Legal Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the Moth Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for Memorial Day, to be expended under the direction of the American Legion and the Sons of Union Veterans.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,700.00 for Old Age Penions.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,850.00 for the Police Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $492.00 for Pensions.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,500.00 for the Public Welfare Department.

It was then voted to defer action on the Road Department appropriation until action shall have been taken on Article 9.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for Registrars of Voters' Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $225.00 for Registrars of Voters' Salaries.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00 for Rent and Furnishings of Town Offices.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $95,335.00 for the School Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for Soldiers' Relief.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Selectmen's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $160.00 for State Aid.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $550.00 for Tax Collector's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for Town Accountant's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Town Accountant's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Town Clerk's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 for Town Infirmary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Town Hall.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,825.00 for Town Officers' Salaries.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for Town Physician.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for Town Treasurer's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the Tree Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,550.00 for Town Reports.

ARTICLE 3. Voted that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow from time to time on and after January 1, 1932, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year 1932, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under authority of this vote to be expressly made payable from revenue of the financial year 1932.

ARTICLE 4. Action taken under Article 2.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of $1,376.92 to cover certain unpaid bills of 1930, as follows:

Soldiers' Relief, $372.05; Health, $460.80; Road, $76.96; Public Welfare, $453.42; Incidentals, $7.19; Town Clerk, $6.50.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of $1,000.00, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee for the purpose of finishing the grading on the High School lot.

ARTICLE 7. Voted that the Assessors be authorized to take from surplus revenue the sum of $6,000.00 for the reduction of the tax levy of the current year.

ARTICLE 8. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase land adjoining the town barn on Center Street, and further voted that the sum of $500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to accept as a town way that portion of Foundry Street and Norton Avenue between Highland Street and the Norton line, as laid out by the Selectmen. Voted that the sum of $10,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of said way.

The regular Road Department appropriation under Article 2 was then taken up, and it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for the purchase of a truck for the Road Department.

ARTICLE 11. Mr. William N. Howard then presented the report of the Special Committee on Fire Apparatus and matters relating thereto. Voted that it be recorded as the sentiment of this meeting that the town own and operate a Fire Department. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted as progressive and that the committee be continued.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for the purchase of two pieces of fire apparatus.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for the purpose of providing a garage for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 14. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to make available for a playground, such part of the cemetery lot on Church Street as is not now used for burial purposes, and that the said Selectmen appoint an unpaid committee of parents residing in the vicinity to promote and supervise the same, the acts of which committee shall be subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15. Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator, to consider the establishment of a town water system for the purpose of water supply and fire prevention; to consider the acquisition by the town of all district water supply property and the extension of water mains to those portions of the town which now have no water supply—not less than one member to be appointed from each existing water district and one member from that section of the town outside of any water district,—said committee to report its findings and recommendations to a special town meeting to be held in the month of October.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to discontinue the election of constables beginning in the year 1932.

ARTICLE 17. Voted that the committee which has made investigation into the question of purchase of fire apparatus, together with the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to act for the town in the purchase of fire apparatus under Article 12.

Voted that the interest received in 1930 on the World War Memorial Fund, amounting to $403.03, be added to the principal of the fund.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 9, 1931

In accordance with the warrant, the voters of the town met at their respective polling places on Monday, March 9, 1931.

The following persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One—Alfred W. Heath, Warden; Isabella Randall, Deputy Warden; Clifton C. Ripley, Clerk; Jennie M. Goss, Deputy Clerk; Oreste G. Favor, Gertrude C. Heath, Emily L. Wry, Florence M. Hackett, Tellers.

Precinct Two—John M. Smith, Warden; Paul F. Whitten, Deputy Warden; Edgar W. Baldwin, Clerk; Ruth H. Henderson, Deputy Clerk; Eugene J. Callahan, August Ledin, Jeremiah J. Coughlin, Emma L. Keith, Esther V. Lawson, Henry E. McEntee, Tellers.

Precinct Three—Henry F. Frost, Warden; Nettie Ewell, Deputy Warden; Myrtle L. Prior, Clerk; Henry L. Southworth, Deputy Clerk; Calvin A. Howes, Jessie G. Nickerson, Harry T. Howard, Tellers.

The polls were opened at 5:45 A. M. and closed at 3 P. M.

The number of ballots cast in Precinct One was two hundred forty-two; in Precinct Two, twelve hundred thirty-seven; in Precinct Three, three hundred forty-three; total vote, eighteen hundred twenty-two.

The result of the election was as follows:

SELECTMEN (Three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
John A. Anderson	24	143	38	205
Augustus Hopkins	44	277	59	380
Frank P. Keith	40	100	51	191
Samuel Knowles	132	250	116	498
Sigfrid V. Ledin	30	219	38	287
Joseph W. Linehan	55	733	77	865
John F. Mahoney	12	303	25	340
Roscoe W. Melendy	60	89	150	299
Frank C. Wade	199	416	264	879
Albert E. Wood	82	510	132	724
Blanks	48	671	79	798

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (Three)

John A. Anderson	23	143	39	205
Augustus Hopkins	47	280	59	386
Frank P. Keith	39	106	49	194
Samuel Knowles	127	247	115	489
Sigfrid V. Ledin	29	203	37	269
Joseph W. Linehan	54	701	76	831
John F. Mahoney	11	289	24	324
Roscoe W. Melendy	68	97	147	312
Frank C. Wade	197	411	264	872
Albert E. Wood	72	485	127	684
Blanks	59	749	92	900

ASSESSOR

John A. Anderson	19	222	27	268
John F. Mahoney	9	372	16	397
Frank C. Wade	197	531	271	999
Blanks	17	112	29	158

TOWN CLERK

Harry R. Franklin	179	858	249	1,286
Blanks	63	378	94	535
Scattering	0	1	0	1

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Harry R. Franklin	196	963	280	1,439
Blank	46	274	63	383

TREASURER

Harry R. Franklin	198	981	277	1,456
Blanks	44	256	66	366

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cora M. Hennigar	168	736	250	1,154
Blanks	74	479	92	645
Scattering	0	0	1	1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur F. Anderson	175	758	253	1,186
Blanks	67	478	90	635
Scattering	0	1	0	1

MODERATOR

Leo M. Harlow	164	876	230	1,270
Blanks	78	360	112	550
Scattering	0	1	1	2

CONSTABLES (Five)

Joseph A. Schindler	136	640	203	979
Andrew McMenamy	0	40	0	40
Roger McNamara	13	2	4	19
Paul Mitrano	0	15	0	15
Carlton Shurtleff	27	11	1	39
Scattering	10	77	18	105
Blanks	1,024	5,400	1,489	7,913

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Fifteen)

Edgar W. Baldwin	138	619	177	934
Edgar A. Craig	129	570	173	872
John A. Henderson	133	531	166	830
John B. Howard	138	528	185	851
William N. Howard	141	570	190	901
J. Clement Johnson	128	528	165	821
Neubert B. Morse	139	522	195	856
Frank J. McMenamy	125	584	166	875
Thomas A. O'Connor	123	588	165	876
Martin E. Reynolds	130	543	171	844
Warren S. Rice	126	514	166	806
Elijah H. Smith	127	517	164	808
C. Bateman Swasey	131	514	166	811
Edwin H. White	6	4	11	21

Blanks	1,901	11,353	2,860	16,114
Scattering	15	70	25	106

A true copy. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator to consider the question of a town water department, under Article 15 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1931:

Edward J. Scanlon, Chairman.

Charles H. Andrews, North Easton Village District.

Arthur B. Briggs, for territory outside any district.

Leonard H. Porter, Unionville Fire and Water District.

Charles F. Purinton, South Easton and Eastondale Districts.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 1931

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton on Monday, the nineteenth day of October next, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To receive and consider the report of the committee appointed under a vote of the Town at the last annual meeting relative to a town water system; and to take any action thereupon.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to consider school administration, costs and expenses and to report thereon at the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to increase the membership of the School Committee to five members; same to take effect at the next annual town election.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 42, 43, and 44 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws. (Relative to a Town Fire Department).

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at least seven days before the time of said meeting, one at each meeting house, one at each Post Office, and one at the Town Hall.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of October, 1931.

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN,
ALBERT E. WOOD,
FRANK C. WADE,
Selectmen of Easton.

Bristol, ss Easton, October 10, 1931.

I have this day served this warrant as directed.

ELISHA T. ELLIS,
Constable of Easton.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon.

Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 1931

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. and the warrant read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

ARTICLE 1. Voted that the report of the committee appointed on the matter of a town water system be referred to the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that a committee of seven be appointed by the Moderator to consider the question of school administration, costs and expenses and report thereon at the next annual town meeting, the members of the school board to also serve on the committee, but without a vote.

ARTICLE 3. Voted that the membership of the school committee be increased from three to five, this increase to take effect at the annual town meeting in 1932, two members to be elected for a term of three years and one member for a term of one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 41, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to accept the provisions of Sections 42, 43, and 44 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws. (Relative to a Town Fire Department).

ARTICLE 5. Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator to consider the question of school administration, costs and expenses, as voted under Article 2 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of October 19, 1931:

John S. Ames, Chairman,
David J. O'Connell,
Milton I. Anderson,
Charles F. McCarthy,
Edwin H. White,
Sheldon B. Goodrich,
Edgar A. Craig.

Births Registered in Easton 1931

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
January		
5	Stillborn	
5	Kathleen June Bassett	Emmett and Daisy (Sherry)
14	Rose Freitas	John and Rose (Conceicao)
15	Ellen Salisbury Daggett	Albert H. and Ruth H. (Sowle)
22	Richard Allan Garbitt	Ernest J. and Doris E. (Willis)
23	Alice Edith Johnston	Peter G. and Edith (Raymond)
February		
1	Winthrop H. Anderson	Winthrop H. and Grace (Wilson)
3	Mildred Lavina Reid	Alfred W. and Rowena (Haskins)
10	Beatrice Polonia Gonsalves	Manuel and Romona (Conceicao)
12	John Edward O'Connell	William J.and Katherine A.(Readdy)
14	Marjorie Ruth Black	Neil A. and Ruth L. (Alger)
16	Charles James Slavin	Charles J. and Elizabeth (Nihan)
21	Robert Leslie Briggs	William L. and Elva L. (Manchester)
22	Marcia Ada Wills	James A. and Hazel S. (Pearson)
22	Asaph Marshall Howard	Asaph M. and Kathryn M.(Cushman)
March		
2	Greta Ann Rydholm	Gustaf G. and Signe (Abrahamson)
4	Antonio de Freitas	August and Isabel (de Jesus)
7	Harold Wilbur Parrish	Harold W. and Lillian H. (Merry)
10	Earl Austin Nichols	Clarence W. and Hattie M. (Harlow)
11	Donald Warren Blood	Warren E.and Ethel I.(Cruickshank)
12	Mary Margaret Osborne	John V. and Mary E. (O'Connell)
15	Mary Louise Mahoney	Joseph F. and Kathryn (Luddy)
24	Leolinda Susan Correia	Frank and Leolinda N. (Ornellas)
26	Everett Allen Chase	Alton F. and Myrtle H. (McCarty)
28	William C. James	William C.and Dorothy M.(Andrews)
April		
8	Edward Everett Wilbur	Joseph H. and Irene R. (Clark)
10	Loretta May Mignault	Clifford S. and Alberta M. (Wright)
25	Ralph Caleb Sibley	Harold E. and Stella (Thomas))

May

1	John Frederick Linehan	Daniel F. and Ruth C. (Quinn)
13	Stillborn	
14	George Bott	Fred and Mary (Koscinczyk)
14	Bertha Ascencion Abreu	Manuel S. and Piedade M. (Vieira)
16	Robert Malcolm Anderson	George A. and Agnes A. (Lawson)
19	Ruth Elizabeth Davis	Walter F. & Charlotte G. (Knowlton)
19	Marilyn Effie McLeod	William R. and Edna G. (Wills)
20	Gordon Malcolm Dunley	John J. and Eleanor (Carr)
27	Evelyn Irene Brown	Harold P. and Mildred I. (Rollins)
27	Stillborn	

June

2	Kenneth Dwight Pearson	Kenneth D. and Marie A. (Brandt)
2	Margaret Louise Eddy	James D. and Louise N. (Godsoe)
17	Marjorie Ann Jones	R. Warren and Margaret (Allen)
26	Joseph John Buckley	Joseph and Mary (Morgan)
26	Milton Allen Carr	Allan and Bessie (Phillips)
29	Walter Charles Weir	Charles A. and Lexie J. (Carr)
30	Robert Allan Shaw	Frederick V. & Esther M. (Sandgren)

July

2	Ronald Frederick Anderson	Alton F. and Evelyn M. (Robinson)
6	Bettina Madelyn Hollis	Morton and Beatrice (Herrick)
13	Joseph Rodrigues	Louis and Rose (Cares)
15	Carolyn Joyce Corkum	Wilson L. and Annie (Clark)
26	Lewis Tisdale Harlow	Tisdale H. and Ruth (Cruickshank)
30	Raymond Franklin Randall	Eugene F. and Esther (Darling)
30	William Clifford Harvey	Clifford M. and Alice (Berry)

August

6	Beverly Ann Willis	Warren T. and Olive C. (Coldwell)
8	Bertil Holger Lindstrom	Holger and Edla (Jacobson)
15	Donald Bruce Eisnor	Ellis D. and Violet M. (Munroe)
16	Lois Delana Cole	Harold F. and Winifred O. (Winberg)
18	Frederick Quinn	George P. and Alice G. (Lynch)
21	Daniel Edward Godsoe	Percy O. and Asneth M. (Demings)
24	Theodore Francis Nystrom	Arthur T. and Mabel A. (Wilbur)

September

3	Jane Kelley Benson	C. Edwin and Jane (Kelley)
6	Elizabeth Ann Griswold	Henry M. and Mildred (Bahe)
7	Marguerite Virginia Smith	Chester W. and Margaret (Riordan)

13	Mildred Ellen Brophy	Thomas C. and Ellen (Johnson)
28	Edrie Frances Gibbs	Carlton B. & Florence E. (Jennison)
October		
1	David Rock Pulsifer	Guy W. and Jennie A. (Olson)
2	Donald Prentice Amidon	Howard and Esther (Larson)
7	Frederick Russell Nietz	Frederick and Marion (Campbell)
7	Natalie Hall Cameron	Reginald A. and Evelyn (Hall)
November		
6	Beverly Louise Raymond	Howard E. and Esther (Tucker)
13	Stillborn	
13	Florence Rheta McDan	Charles E. and Bertha L. (Morse)
14	William Roy Riggin	William E. and Esther (McLeod)
16	George Tarte	Joseph G. and Eileen (Cavanagh)
19	Ella Louise Lundin	Eric Frans and Ann E. (Anderson)
23	Barbara Theresa Brennick	Edward M. & Margaret F. (Furlong)
December		
1	Robert Pringle Hackett	Ralph E. and Lillian F. (Talbot)
23	Lottie Ann Barboza	Manuel and Lottie (Rogers)
23	Joyce Ann Bellows	F. Donald W. and Dorothy (Caldwell)
25	Elsie Millidean Corkum	Millage M. and Stella E. (Staples)
31	Stillborn	

NOTICE

The attention of parents is called to the law relating to the registering of births. The present requirement is as follows:

Chap. 29, Sec. 6, of the Revised Laws. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child . . . shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town or city in which such child is born.

Sec. 8. A parent . . . who neglects to do so for ten days after the time limited therefor . . . shall forfeit not more than five dollars for each offense.

Attention of Physicians and Midwives is called to Chap. 280, Sec. 1, Acts of 1912: Sec. 1. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they are in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of the birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

In accordance with the provisions of the law, the Town Clerk is prepared to furnish to parents, physicians, and midwives applying therefor, blanks for return of births as required.

Marriages Registered in Easton in 1931

January 4. Harold Dale Houghton and Hazel Pearl Knox, both of Easton.

January 29. Andrew L. Johnson and Thyra Hillevis Ohlson, both of Brockton.

February 6. LaRoy Clark Hanscom, of Brockton, and Florence Belle Kimball, of Easton.

February 7. Ralph Johnson Heath and Virginia Amory Gray, both of Easton.

February 21. Henry W. Atwood, of Canton, and Lulu B. Burchstead, of Boston.

March 12. Ellis Andrew David Niklason and Gerda Elizabeth Linea Johnson, both of Easton.

March 21. Arthur Roldon Rowe and Eva Wealthy Nickerson, both of Easton.

March 28. Fred Theodore Corkum, of West Bridgewater, and Grace Myrtice Bailey, of Easton.

April 6. William Turpin, of Brockton, and Anna Gildea, of Easton.

April 21. Milton Spencer, of Taunton, and Edith A. MacNeill, of Easton.

April 26. Robert Virtue and Gertrude Eunice Degg, both of Easton.

April 26. John Dawson Tate and Eva Wood Southwick, both of Easton.

May 2. Francis Norton Belcher, of Randolph, and Anna Elsa Viola Johnson, of Easton.

May 9. Frederick Donald Wood Bellows, of Easton, and Dorothy Frances Caldwell, of Rockland.

May 17. Thomas J. Coffey and Ella G. Ericson, both of Boston.

May 23. James Thomas Guild, of Mansfield, and Violette Elvira Gustafson, of Easton.

June 1. Edward John Nolan and Alice Lillian Merry, both of Easton.

June 3. Lloyd Gustave Nelson, of East Bridgewater, and Adeline Rose Houde, of Easton.

June 6. Alfred Sladen Reynolds, of Easton, and Christina Florence Germain, of Avon.

June 13. William Mowatt and Mary P. Fraiser, both of Easton.

June 15. John Joseph Hogan and Ruth Helena Sweeney, both of Easton.

June 17. Herbert F. Biron, of Stoughton, and Flora E. Hollis, of Easton.

June 20. John Michael Brophy, of Easton, and Margaret Evelyn Mannix, of Brockton.

June 22. Edward Hamilton, Jr., and Helen M. Ahl, both of Brockton.

July 4. Harland Marshall Gibbs, of Easton, and Jeanet Dorothy Wallangavich, of Stoughton.

July 12. George Anthony Callahan, of Brockton, and Vendla Elvera Johnson, of Easton.

July 14. Edward Jeremiah Lyons and Ruth Vera Ellis, both of Easton.

July 27. Robert Edwin Day, of Easton, and Ebba Fredricka Carlson, of Brockton.

August 6. Edward A. Young, of Boston, and Gertrude Kane, of Easton.

August 6. Charles Edwin Loud, of Hingham, and Stella Linnea Eak, of Easton.

August 12. Herbert Samuel Andrews and Hazel June Drew, both of Easton.

August 16. Frederick Howard Masson and Hanna Eugenia Johnson, both of Easton.

August 18. Robert William Hall, of Stoughton, and Alice Mildred Anderson, of Easton.

August 22. Joseph Henry Rogers, of Easton, and Esther Marie Samson, of Lexington.

September 1. Thomas Henry Sheehan, of Easton, and Mary Martha Donahue, of Brockton.

September 6. Paul Francis Adams, of Easton, and Margaret Anna Hodge, of Boston.

September 20. William Richard McDonald, of Easton, and Margaret Theresa Reardon, of Boston.

September 30. Harry John David Sundell, of Easton, and Edith Florence Wilhelmina Nyrell, of Brockton.

October 3. Ivar Gottard Miller and Gertrude Anna Jacobson, both of Easton.

October 7. George Kenneth Marshall, of Easton, and Janet Gardner Peterson, of Providence, R. I.

October 10. Edwin Harrison Keith, of Bridgewater, and Dorothy Shepard Willis, of Easton.

October 10. Harry Carl Norman, of Manchester, N. H., and Agnes Charlotte Anderson, of Easton.

October 10. Oscar Emond, of Taunton, and Mildred Ilene Olson, of Easton.

October 11. Albert Arthur Pearson, of Easton, and Grace Armilly, of Stoughton.

October 17. Harold Axel Lundeen, of Easton, and Gertrude Eloise Annis, of Brockton.

October 19. Carl Ernest LaCivita, of Stoughton, and Ann Cecilia Wilde, of Easton.

October 22. Roy E. Stork and Dorothy A. Hill, both of Brockton.

October 24. Everett Abbott, of Easton, and Sadie E. Jones, of Taunton.

October 29. Manuel Gracia Rose, Jr., of Dighton, and Elizabeth Agnes Brophy, of Easton.

November 23. Frank Elmer Pearson, of Easton, and Evelyn Loretta Lariviere, of Biddeford, Maine.

Deaths Registered in Easton in 1931

Date	Name	Age			
		Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
January					
5	Stillborn				
5	Jairus Eaton	82	—	—	Arterio sclerosis
8	Charles Earl Kidder	—	1	17	Gas Poisoning
10	Sophia D. Hopkins	65	—	13	Fracture of Skull, automobile accident
16	William T. Brisbin	71	7	27	Diabetes Mellitus
21	Josephine N. Rodrigues	13	10	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
23	Mabel H. Porter	64	9	28	Cirrhosis of Liver
29	Jessie A. Hall	73	—	23	Broncho-pneumonia
February					
10	Manuel M. Lewis	74	—	—	Arterio sclerosis
10	John A. Johnson	59	1	16	Peritonitis
March					
10	Emma Cecelia Haskins	67	7	6	Cardiac Asthma
16	Peter Fagan	58	—	—	Gangrenous appendix
25	Ruth Mildred Jones	22	9	26	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
27	B. Alice Lothrop	67	1	3	Arterio sclerosis
29	Jeremiah M. Dailey	81	10	14	Chronic Myocarditis
April					
2	Annie M. McMullen	61	10	23	Diabetes Mellitus
3	Charles H. Egan	78	5	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
3	Willard K. Goward	86	2	14	Arterio sclerosis
4	John Cooper	70	6	25	Arterio sclerosis
11	Alfred Franklin Pratt	83	7	—	Arterio sclerosis
12	Sarah E. Britton	88	6	—	Pyelonephrosis
12	Harold C. Hanlon	51	11	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Nora Downey	65	4	33	Chronic Myocarditis
26	Ralph C. Sibley	17	hours		Prematurity
29	Mary Helena O'Neil	49	—	—	Phlebitis
May					
3	Ann M. Donahue	69	9	3	Chronic Myocarditis
6	William Buzzel	62	2	10	Intra cranial hemorrhage

12	John Ludwig Larson	66	0	7	Peritonitis	
13	Stillborn					
14	Mary A. Stone	63	9	16	Coronary thrombosis	
14	Anna Dorr	33	3	17	Acute enteritis, chronic nephritis	
15	Grace Kempton Percival	50	6	24	Interstitial Nephritis	
16	Geraldine Ethel Foster	—	6	4	Accidental asphyxia	Old Grave
18	Axel Lundeen	64	3	18	Carcinoma	
21	Unknown infant				Neglect and improper care	
25	Mary H. Williams	77	8	4	Arterio sclerosis	
27	Stillborn					
June						
16	Lilliam P. Adams	57	—	14	Fracture of cervical vertebrae	
17	Richard L. Carr	49	3	29	Aortic stenosis	
18	Isabella Hopkins	36	10	9	Chronic nephritis	
20	Martha Robinson Davis	91	—	17	Arterio sclerosis	
27	Catherine Carroll Twohig	80	—	15	Broncho pneumonia	
28	Martha E. Miller	79	3	1	Carcinoma	
July						
6	Alma Louise Dobson	75	7	7	Heart Disease	
11	Frederick E. Nason	64	5	27	Chronic nephritis	
14	John J. MacNeill	45	9	3	Septicaemia	
24	Asaph Howard	—	5	2	Meningitis	
30	Margaret M. Scriven	55	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis	
August						
3	Lewis Tisdale Harlow	—	—	8	Acute Gastro Enteritis	
13	Alexander J. Tune	67	9	28	Carcinoma	
27	Mary D. Jenney	92	1	1	Cerebral hemorrhage	
September						
6	——— ——— Benson	3 days			Prematurity	
12	Hepsie H. Smith	92	10	27	Dementia Precox	
21	Henning Hanson	61	5	15	Benign hypertrophy	
October						
1	Amelia Sawyer	72	8	3	Chronic interstitial nephritis	
20	Dorothy Miller	25	—	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	
31	Emma J. Hollis	56	4	7	Carcinoma	

November					
6	Maitland C. Lamprey	93	—	7	Obstructive jaundice
11	George Alfred Gibbs	72	6	14	Cerebral hemorrhage
13	Stillborn				
15	Eliza S. Birnie	88	2	17	Valvular heart disease
30	Lilla S. Kimball	78	7	10	Arterio sclerosis
December					
1	Evelyn M. Tully	51	—	—	Lobar Pneumonia
7	Elton A. Bailey	59	8	10	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Albert Aurna Leach	78	—	—	Chronic nephritis
17	Frank P. Mann	75	5	2	Automobile accident
17	Jasper M. Phillips	53	9	12	Heart disease
19	John Bernard McDonald	18	8	16	Epilepsy
31	Stillborn				

Holders of Dog Licenses for the Year April 1931 to April 1932

A.

Anderson, Helen	1 Male
Anderson, Roy	1 Male
Ames, Oakes	1 Male, 1 Female Spyd
Ames, Mrs. Winthrop	1 Male, 1 Female Spyd
Adams, Clarence F.	1 Male
Andrews, Charles H.	1 Female
Ames, Mrs. Winthrop	1 Male, 1 Female
Anderson, Hobart	1 Female, Spyd
Anderson, Fred	1 Male
Ames, Hobart	Kennel—$50
Anderson, Milton I.	1 Male, 1 Female
Anderson, Russell	1 Male
Andrews, Hiram	1 Male
Ashley, Herbert C.	1 Female
Ames, Mrs. William H.	1 Female, Spyd
Alger, Mrs. Carrie L.	1 Male
Ames, Mrs. Oliver	1 Female
Anderson, Mrs. Marie	1 Female
Anderson, Wendell G.	1 Male
Abbott, Paul M.	1 Male
Alger, N. A.	1 Male
Allen, Perley W.	1 Male
Ames, James A.	1 Female
Anderson, George A.	1 Male, 1 Female
Avery, Henry P.	1 Female
Anderson, Hjalmer	1 Male, 1 Female
Alger, Frank W.	1 Male
Anderson, George J.	1 Female
Andre, Joseph	1 Female

B.

Brown, James K.	1 Female
Bulmer, Maude L.	1 Male
Blackwell, Lewis W.	1 Male
Beaton, John A.	1 Male
Buckley, Daniel F.	1 Male
Broman, Lester	1 Male
Benson, Mrs. Helen	1 Female, Spyd
Benson, Carl A.	1 Male
Buckley, Joseph J.	1 Male
Butler, Jeremiah J.	1 Male
Borack, George A.	2 Males
Baldwin, Edgar W.	1 Male
Bruce, George F.	1 Female
Boydon, Lloyd A.	1 Male
Buck, Sanford D.	1 Male
Beaton, John A.	1 Female
Boudreau, Ruby	1 Male
Brown, Asher	1 Male
Burgess, C. H.	1 Male
Benson, Mrs. C. Edwin	1 Male
Brown, Clifton	1 Female
Blood, Eugene W.	1 Male
Bell, Mrs. Alice R.	Kennel—$50
Brophy, Francis P.	1 Male
Blood, Warren E.	1 Male
Buttinger, Mrs. Addie L.	1 Female
Barboza, Manuel	1 Male
Buck, Willis G.	1 Male
Bahe, Henry J.	1 Male
Bradley, Edward	1 Male
Britton, Harold	2 Males, 1 Female
Boulette, William J.	1 Female

C.

Cole, Mrs. Winifred	1 Female
Cantwell, Kenneth	1 Male
Cole, Henry C.	1 Male
Christensen, Anton	1 Male, 1 Female
Coldwell, Charles S.	1 Male
Chipman, Mrs. Lucretia	1 Male
Cleverly, Ernest W.	1 Male
Copeland, George H.	1 Male, 1 Female
Canegaly, Augustus E.	1 Male
Conant, John Alden	1 Male
Cunningham, Martin	1 Female
Carlson, Charles W.	1 Female, Spyd
Cotter, George G.	1 Female
Clark, Everett D.	1 Male
Caney, George M.	1 Female, Spyd
Canegaly, Harry J.	1 Male
Carter, Walter F.	1 Male
Campion, Annie	1 Male
Canan, Thomas	1 Male
Correia, John Medeiros	2 Males
Carlson, Charles B.	2 Males
Craig, Frank E.	1 Male
Corkum, Wilson L.	1 Male
Conceicao, Joseph	1 Male
Cruickshank, Mrs. F. I.	1 Male
Carr, Mrs. D. H.	1 Female
Cogswell, Madolin	1 Female
Correia, Manuel	2 Males
Canty, Michael J.	1 Male
Chippen, John	1 Male
Cotter, Joseph V.	1 Male
Coughlin, Elizabeth	1 Male
Connolly, Lorenz	1 Male
Chase, David G.	1 Male

Cuzner, Crockett	1 Male
Chickering, Albert	1 Male, 1 Female
Cyr, Frank	1 Male

D.

Day, William H.	1 Male
Dahlborg, Alfred H.	1 Male
Dale, John O.	1 Male
Dana, Mrs. G. E.	1 Female
Dean, Nelson C.	1 Male
Davis, Walter F.	1 Female, Spyd
Downey, Jackie	1 Female, Spyd
Day, Robert	1 Female
De Freitas, John	1 Male
Dunley, John J. Dr.	1 Male
Downey, Frank	1 Male
Drake, Mrs. Robert L.	1 Female
DeWitt, Harris A.	1 Female, Spyd
Duchesneau, Roderick	1 Female
Doherty, Eileen	1 Male
Dale, John M.	1 Male
Dineen, Catherine J.	1 Female
Dailey, John L.	2 Males
Dinsmore, Elisha A.	1 Female
Dimond, Robert	1 Male
Dahlborg, Harold	1 Female

E.

Eaton, Chester A.	1 Female, Spyd
Earle, Mrs. M. G.	1 Female
Earle, Melvin G.	1 Male
Edlund, Mrs. Mary E.	1 Female
Ebbs, Edward J.	1 Male
Erving, Samuel	1 Male
Evarts, R. C.	1 Male
Eddy, Charles	1 Male

Ericson, Eric W.	2 Males
Ericson, Everett	1 Male
Erving, Chester	1 Male
Erving, Malcolm V.	1 Male

F.

Foster, Mrs. Helen	1 Male
Farrar, Brooks	2 Males
Farrar, Shirley W.	1 Female, Spyd
French, O. G.	1 Female
Fuller, A. E.	1 Male
Furlong, Michael	1 Female, Spyd
Fleming, Joseph	1 Male
Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Ellen	1 Male
Field, Burton M.	1 Female, Spyd
Frasier, Frank S.	1 Male
Frasier, Richard	1 Male
French, Mrs. Flossie	1 Female
Foster, Chester W.	1 Male
Fortune, Max J.	1 Male

G.

Gray, Mrs. William	1 Male
Gifford, Edward	1 Male
Grant, John B.	1 Female, Spyd
Goldthwaite, Geo. R.	2 Males
Gooch, Alfonso	1 Male
Gustafson, Olaf	1 Male
Gooch, Roy F.	1 Male
Gulbrants, William	1 Female Spyd
Gooch, Arvine A.	1 Male
Garcia, Joaquin	1 Male
Gardner, B. Frank	1 Male
Garcia, Anthony	1 Female
Gray, Mrs. John	1 Female
Grottendieck, Helene L.	1 Male, 1 Female

Goodrich, Sheldon B.	1 Male
Godfrey, Fred W.	1 Male
Goward, J. Clinton	1 Female
Gibbs, James H.	1 Female
Grant, James	1 Female
Gonsalves, Agostinho	1 Male
Godfrey, Richard	1 Male

H.

Howard, Ethan A.	1 Male
Howard, Mabelle S.	1 Female, Spyd
Higgins, Grace	1 Male
Hicks, Melbourne G.	1 Female
Hagg, Carl G.	1 Male
Hunt, Mrs. E. M.	1 Male
Harlow, James C.	1 Male
Hildreth, H. H.	1 Male
Harrold, E. C.	1 Male
Hopkins, Caroline M.	1 Male
Hanson, Charles E.	1 Male
Holbrook, Mrs. John P.	1 Male
Houde, Clifford	1 Male
Hamilton, William J.	1 Female
Hewett, T. Herbert A.	1 Male
Haggett, Louisa E.	1 Female, Spyd
Hanson, Henning B.	1 Male
Humphrey, George E.	1 Male
Howard, Mary L.	1 Male
Healey, George	1 Male
Harvey, Cornelius J.	1 Male
Horton, Charles L.	1 Female, Spyd
Heath, Charles W.	1 Female, Spyd
Hackett, Lester E.	1 Female, Spyd
Harvey, C. Henry	2 Females
Hogan, John J.	1 Male
Hall, Fred E.	1 Female

Heath, Dan W.	1 Male
Hart, Frank E.	1 Male
Howes, Calvin A.	1 Female, Spyd
Hatchfield, Carlton E.	2 Males
Hamilton, Vandia	3 Females
Houghton, Harold D.	1 Male
Henault, George L.	1 Male, 1 Female
Heath, Paul F.	1 Male
Hayward, Harold W.	1 Male
Harvey, Raymond E.	1 Female, Spyd
Howard, Fred A.	1 Female, Spyd
Herrick, Royal	1 Male

J.

Johnson, Chris A.	1 Male
Jennings, Howard	2 Males
Jennings, George H.	1 Male, 1 Female
Johnson, James	1 Male
Johnson, Ruth	1 Male
Johnson, Victor	1 Male
Jackman, Coyle	1 Male
Johnson, Joel	1 Female, Spyd
Jacobson, Charles	1 Male
Johnson, Harvey A.	1 Female
Johnson, John T.	1 Male

K.

Kimball, Charlotte A.	1 Male
Kendall, Fred L.	1 Male
Kent, Daniel L.	1 Male
Knapp, William J.	1 Male
Knapp, William T.	2 Males
Kelley, William F.	1 Male
Kalium, Michael	1 Male
Keith, Mrs. F. Sherwood	3 Females, Spyd

L.

Lucey, Katherine M.	1 Male
Lincoln, John D.	1 Male
Ladd, Wendell T.	2 Males
Laughlin, Kathryn	1 Male
Lowell, Leslie	2 Males
Lothrop, Justin G.	1 Female
Lund, Laura	1 Male
Longdin, William H.	1 Female
Lewis, Manuel	1 Male
Ladd, Mrs. Ella	1 Female, Spyd
Lamson, Frank S.	1 Male
Lundgren, Emil	1 Male
Litchfield, Pierce L.	1 Male
Lemaire, Harriet	1 Female, Spyd
Leonard, Elmer E.	1 Female
Leonard, Charles S.	5 Males
Lewis, John W.	1 Male
Leonard, Rev. R. C.	1 Female, Spyd
Langley, Raphael	1 Male
Lufkin, Charles H.	1 Female, Spyd
Litchfield, Thomas L.	1 Male
Lundgren, Alexander	1 Male
Le Roy, Francis	1 Male

Mc.

McCabe, Raymond	Breeder's—$25
McKenna, Mary E.	1 Female
McKenna, Patrick J.	1 Female
McKenna, J. J.	1 Male
McAna, Mrs. Ellen	1 Male
McEntee, Charles E.	1 Male
McNamara, F. J.	1 Male
MacDonald, Pervis	1 Male
McMenamy, Andrew	1 Male
McLeod, William	1 Male

McCarty, Mrs. L. W.	1 Female
McMenamy, Frank J.	1 Male
McCausland, Edith E.	Kennel—$50

M.

Markey, Mrs. Keene	1 Male
Martin, James	1 Male
Mowatt, Lewis	1 Male
Meniz, Henry P.	1 Male
Mowatt, John	1 Male
Mason, Linwood E.	1 Male
Martin, John	1 Male
Morris, James E.	1 Male
Marshall, Harry C.	1 Male
Moran, Patrick	1 Male
Marshall, Geo. Kenneth	1 Male
Mulcahy, Andrew	2 Males
Manchester, Clyde	1 Female, Spyd
Mosman, Elmer W.	2 Males
Miller, Charles F.	1 Male
Moran, Daniel	1 Female, Spyd
Maliff, Frank H.	1 Male
Moran, Patrick J.	1 Male
Marshall, William G.	1 Male
Malloy, Robert M.	1 Male
Miller, John	1 Male
Morse, Neubert B.	1 Male
Morrison, Arthur C.	1 Male
Murray, Alexander	1 Male
Merchant, Mrs. Albert	2 Males
Maliff, Richard	2 Males
Marshall, George W.	1 Male
Mitchell, Kenneth	1 Male, 2 Females

N.

Nelson, Fritz	1 Female, Spyd
Nagarya, William	1 Female, Spyd
Nelson, Carl A.	1 Female, Spyd
Nagle, John	1 Female
Newell, William G.	2 Males, 1 Female
Nolan, Stephen F.	1 Male
Nelson, Arvid C.	1 Female, Spyd
Neitz, Frederick	1 Male
Nickerson, Alice M.	1 Male
Nolan, Mrs. John A.	1 Male
Nolan, John A.	1 Male
Nolan, Edward J.	1 Male
Nihan, John	1 Female

O.

O'Neil, James	1 Male
Orrell, Isabelle	1 Male
Ottosson, Carl	1 Male
Olin, Fred	1 Female
Olin, Mrs. Florence	1 Female
O'Connell, Philip E.	1 Male
O'Connell, Mrs. Wm. D.	1 Female, Spyd
O'Connell, Wm. D.	1 Male
O'Neil, Jeremiah E.	1 Male
Ornellas, John	1 Male

P.

Parker, William A.	1 Male, 1 Female
Plunkett, Harold	1 Male
Palm, Otto E.	2 Females
Pomeroy, John	2 Males
Packard, Allan W.	1 Male
Powell, George C.	1 Male
Prior, Malcolm I.	1 Male
Parker, Mrs. Edward	1 Male

Phillips, Jasper	1 Male
Parker, Frank E.	1 Female
Perry, Anthony J.	1 Male
Peltonen, Onie	1 Female, Spyd
Pires, Antonio T.	1 Male
Porter, Robert B. Dr.	1 Male
Poole, Howard L.	1 Female
Patterson, Richard W.	1 Male
Pyper, James	1 Male
Peterson, John	1 Male
Peterson, David	1 Female
Peters, Edwin W.	1 Male, 1 Female Spyd
Porter, Howard	1 Male
Pearson, Frank E.	1 Male
Pickett, David	1 Male
Pratt, James B.	1 Female

R.

Reardon, Dennis J.	1 Female
Randall, Oscar B.	1 Male
Rosen, Gunhild	1 Male
Randall, Elmer E.	1 Female
Rankin, Miss Harriet	1 Female, Spyd
Rohdin, Clinton V.	2 Males
Rohdin, Edith M.	1 Male
Rafferty, Frank	1 Male
Robinson, Horace	1 Male
Rice, Stanley	1 Female
Regan, Patrick	1 Female
Reardon, Francis	1 Male
Rollins, Royal H.	1 Female
Roscoe, Edmund H.	1 Male
Rice, Ruthena H.	1 Female
Randall, Arthur E.	1 Male
Ryberg, Edith A.	1 Male
Rego, Manuel J.	1 Male

Rego, Frank C.	1 Male
Rowe, William P.	1 Male
Rego, Henry	1 Male
Reid, Edward	1 Female
Rego, Joseph	1 Male
Randall, Mrs. Frank W.	1 Male

S.

Stevenson, Dr. W. M.	1 Female, Spyd
Sylvester, George M.	1 Male
Smith, Winifred	1 Male
Sullivan, Lucy A.	1 Male
Silloway, E. E.	1 Male
Sawyer, James A.	2 Females
Soule, Wilmarth	1 Male
Seaver, K. Donald	1 Female, Spyd
Sylvia, John A.	1 Male
Smith, Irene M.	1 Male
Samuelson, Robert	1 Female
Stackpole, Della M.	1 Female
Stackpole, Charles O.	1 Male
Sherman, Harold E.	1 Male
Smith, Herbert A.	1 Male
Stokinger, John W.	1 Male
Schleicher, Leo R.	1 Female, Spyd
Sejnacki, Felix	1 Male
Sisson, Mrs. Marion E.	1 Female
Smith, Arthur L.	1 Female, Spyd
Smith, Mrs. Luella I.	1 Female
Schindler, Joseph A.	1 Male
Strong, John	2 Males
Staples, Edward E.	1 Female
Smith, G. R. & Dwelley	1 Male
Stoddard, William D.	1 Male
Smith, William E.	1 Male
Sweet, George A.	1 Female

Swift, Everett L.	1 Male
Smith, Mrs. Bert	2 Females
Samuelson, Algodt	1 Male
Shay, Mrs. Edna	1 Male
Sherman, Walter E.	1 Male, 1 Female
Smith, Louise	1 Male
Smith, Howard F.	1 Male
Santos, Joseph	1 Male
Shaw, Viola M.	1 Female
Santos, Manuel	1 Male
Spillane, Ruth	1 Male
Smith, Chester	1 Female
Schindler, Joseph A.	1 Female

T.

Thompson, Mrs. Luella	1 Female
Twohig, Mrs. Catherine	1 Male
Tune, Alex	2 Females
Tilden, Dr. F. E.	1 Male
Tait, T. Harry	1 Male
Thompson, James C.	1 Male
Toomey, Mrs. E. C.	1 Male
Taylor, Robert N.	1 Female
Tracey, Joseph O.	1 Male
Teixeira, Manuel	1 Male
Taylor, Mrs. Wilhelmina	2 Males
Tufts, Mrs. William	1 Male

U.

Urban, Nejma	1 Female

V.

Visnauskis, John	1 Male
Vendt, Elmer	1 Male

W.

Wilson, Arthur G.	1 Male
Willis, Leon E.	1 Male

Wilbur, Frank E.	1 Female, Spyd
Williams, Edward M.	1 Male
Woodward, Wayne E.	1 Male
White, Gertrude I.	1 Male
White, Mrs. Mary C.	1 Female
Welch, Daniel J.	1 Male
Wilbur, Mrs. George A.	1 Male
Weir, Arthur R. F.	1 Male
Winberg, Frank	1 Male
Ward, Alfred P.	1 Male, 1 Female
Wakefield, Mrs. Ruth G.	1 Male
Warren, Dorothy E.	1 Female, Spyd
Wetherell, Edward S.	1 Female, Spyd
Williams, Robert	1 Male
White, Frank A., 2nd	1 Female, Spyd
White, Fred F.	1 Female, Spyd
Willis, Vernon	1 Male
Waal, Oluf	1 Male
Workman, George (Mrs.)	1 Female, Spyd
Webber, Henry W.	2 Males, 1 Female
Wilbur, Mabel F.	1 Male
Walett, Gustaf A.	2 Males
Williams, John M., Jr.	1 Male, 1 Female
Wright, Charles I.	1 Male
Wilbur, Charles E.	2 Males
Wood, Albert E.	1 Male
Willis, Berton E.	1 Male
Willis, Elmer C.	1 Female
Wilde, Anna C.	1 Male
Wry, Archie A.	1 Male
Webber, Phillips B.	2 Males
Wood, Frederick H.	2 Males
Wilbur, Joseph H.	1 Female
Wilbur, Mrs. Edna V.	1 Female, Spyd
Wry, Aubry	1 Female

For the benefit of the owners and keepers of dogs the following extract of the General Laws is hereby submitted:

General Laws, Chapter 140

Section 137. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following.

The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its OWNER'S NAME and its REGISTERED NUMBER.

Section 138. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of April following, and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after April first, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog which becomes three months old after March thirty-first in any year, shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as required by the preceding section.

(Example under Section 138 above.) If a dog is born on August 1, 1931, he becomes three months old on November 1, 1931, and should be licensed on that date for the period November 1, 1931, to April 1, 1932 (when it becomes necessary to re-license him for the year April 1, 1932, to April 1, 1933.)

Dog Licenses

Issued December 1, 1930, to December 1, 1931

Individual Licenses	510
Kennel	3
Breeder's	1
Total licenses issued	514
403 Males, at $2.00 ea.	$806.00
107 Females, at $5.00 ea.	535.00
3 Kennel, at $50.00 ea	150.00
1 Breeder's, at $25.00	25.00
	$1,516.00
Less fees paid to Town Treasury	
514 Licenses, at 20c each	102.80
Paid Treasurer of Bristol County	$1,413.20

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses

Issued in the Year 1931

194 Resident Citizens' Hunting and Fishing, at $2.75,	$533.50
4 Resident Citizens' Trapping, at $5.25	21.00
7 Minor Trappers', at $1.25	8.75
1 Minor Sporting, Fishing only, at $1.25	1.25
*3 Duplicate Licenses, at 50c	1.50
209	$566.00
Fees on 206 Licenses, at 25c ea. (to Town Treasury)	51.50
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game	$514.50

* No fees allowed.

In addition to the above, 13 licenses for hunting and fishing were issued free to residents 70 years of age and over.

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk of Easton.

Licenses 1931

Pedler's Licenses issued by Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Easton's portion of Fee, $11.00 each

James W. Erickson, Hayward Street
Fred H. Maguire, Brockton
Eugene J. Callahan, Center Street
John Camara, North Main Street
Ernest C. Lambert, Brockton

BUS PERMITS; FEE, $10 PER BUS

Eastern Mass. Street R'y Co. (5) $50.00
New England Transportation Co. (3) $30.00
Foxboro-Mansfield Bus Line (1) $10.00

Oleomargarine Licenses

(Issued under Board of Health) Fee 50c ea.

First National Stores, 75 Main Street
Frank J. McMenamy, 59 Main Street
First National Stores, 158 Main Street
Great A. & P. Company, Main Street
H. Y. Mitchell Company, So. Easton
Swift Brothers, Easton

VICTUALLER'S LICENSES

at $5.00 ea.

Flora M. White
John A. Baker
Eugene Farrow
Prior Brothers (2)
Mabel B. Lindsay
Enna Cole
Charles MacLean
Brooks Farrar
Herbert C. Binney
George W. Swanson

Albion E. Fuller
Edward J. Murphy
Warren E. Blood
Joseph Rose
Ninita E. Howard
Mabel I. Jones
Louis Mathers
Ira J. Powell
Frank E. Hart
Willis E. Kimball
Elizabeth Dailey
John E. Dyer
Edward Breault
James A. McAna
William T. Conlon
Sheldon E. Doane

POOL ROOM LICENSES

Fee, $3.00 per table

John Mitrano, Main Street—2 tables
Albert L. Williams, Depot Street—1 Table

SUNDAY LICENSES—Fee, $5.00 each

Catherine Blake
Wendell T. Ladd
O'Connor's News Store
Robert S. Frasier
Edward Breault
Mabel I. Jones
Kenneth Mitchell
Paul P. Mitrano
Drummey & Reardon
Margaret Murphy
Alfred Jacobson
James A. McAna
Theodore Gornyak

SLAUGHTERING LICENSE

(Issued under Board of Health) Fee $1.00

Edward J. Murphy, Turnpike Street

JUNK COLLECTOR'S

Fee $20.00 each

Jacob Willinsky, 348 Crescent Street, Brockton, Mass.
William Familant, 38 Ellsworth Ave., Brockton, Mass.

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE

Fee $2.00

Arthur W. Bailey, for North Easton Co-operative Bank

HAWKER'S AND PEDLER'S LICENSES

Fee; $4.00 each article sold

T. F. Kane, Elmwood, Mass.—Fish only
Leonidas Margosis, 108 Florence Street, Brockton—Fruit and Vegetables
John Mendes, 97 Perry Street, Stoughton—Fish, Fruit and Vegetables
Thomas George, 21 Henry Street, Brockton—Fruit and Vegetables
William Riggin, Poquanticut Ave.—Fish only

Bottling License

(Issued under Board of Health)
Fee $10.00

Simpson Spring Company, South Easton, Mass.

License to Retail Denatured Alcohol

(Issued under Board of Health)
Fee $1.00

Herbert C. Binney
Wendell T. Ladd
Edgar E. Kelley
Frank E. Blake
Frank J. Mitrano
Standard Oil Co., of N. Y.
John A. Nolan Garage
Hilding Peterson
John D. Willis
Horace H. Mitchell
Michael A. Nolan & Davis Atwood

License to Sell Gasoline

Fee $1.00

Willis E. Kimball
John A. Baker
Gustaf A. Walett
Ninita Howard
Warren E. Blood
Swift Brothers
Harry Sundell
Brooks Farrar
Charles F. Quallins
Herbert C. Binney
Edward J. Murphy
John D. Willis

Magnus B. Swanson
Mabel B. Lindsay
Frank S. Frasier
John C. Mitrano
Eugene Farrow
Melvin G. Earle
Ames Shovel & Tool Co.
Henry C. Cole
John R. Field
Clifton W. Badeau
Hilding S. Peterson
Jennie M. Goss
Kenneth Mitchell
Frank E. Blake
William L. Soule
Alfred Jacobson
David Pickett
Wendell T. Ladd
Calvin A. Howes
Theodore W. Gornyak
William L. Soule
Atwood-Nolan Garage

Automobile Agent's and Seller's License
Class 1—Fee $1.00

Main Street Garage, Main Street, No. Easton, Mass.
John D. Willis, Washington Street, South Easton, Mass.
William L. Soule, off Elm Street, No. Easton, Mass.
Clifton W. Badeau, 78 Turnpike Street, South Easton, Mass.

Report of the Assessors

We respectfully submit the following report of the financial condition of the Town of Easton as assessed April 1, 1931.

Value of Real Estate	$4,523,055.00
Value of Personal Estate	720,780.00
Total value assessed, April 1, 1931	5,243,835.00
Value of Automobiles Assessed	$504,670.00
Number of persons and corporations assessed	1,478
Rate of tax per thousand	$31.00
Number of males assessed	1,692
Rate of Poll Tax	$2.00
Rate of Old Age Assistance Tax	$1.00
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,331
Number of acres of land assessed	17,241.18
Number of horses assessed	110
Number of cows assessed	550
Number of neat cattle, other than cows, assessed	111
Number of swine assessed	34
Number of sheep assessed	6
Number of fowl assessed	13,448

Number of automobiles assessed under the Excise Tax, 1,829

APPROPRIATIONS—1931

Raised and appropriated at Special Town Meeting of January 5, 1931:

Park Street	$5,000.00

Raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of March 2, 1931:

Assessors' Expense		500.00
Assistant to Clerk, Treasurer, Collector		1,200.00
Election Expense		200.00
Fire Department		1,600.00
Forest Warden's Salary		300.00
Health Department		3,000.00
Inspector of Animals		150.00
Interest on Notes		2,000.00
Incidentals		150.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Legal Expense		600.00
Moth Department		2,000.00
Memorial Day		350.00
Old Age Pensions		1,700.00
Police Department		7,850.00
Pension		492.00
Public Welfare		13,500.00
Road Department		20,000.00
Registrars of Voters' Expense		125.00
Registrars of Voters' Salaries		225.00
Reserve Fund		2,000.00
School Department		95,335.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		500.00
Soldiers' Relief		2,000.00
Selectmen's Expense		200.00
State Aid		160.00
Tax Collector's Expense		550.00
Town Offices		800.00
Town Accountant's Expense		125.00
Town Accountant's Salary		500.00
Town Clerk's Expense		200.00
Town Infirmary		4,000.00
Town Hall		150.00
Town Officers' Salaries:		
Assessors	$1,200.00	

Board of Public Welfare	750.00	
Board of Health	300.00	
Moderator	25.00	
Selectmen	750.00	
Town Clerk	1,000.00	
Tax Collector	1,200.00	
Treasurer	600.00	
		5,825.00
Town Physician		600.00
Town Treasurer's Expense		250.00
Tree Department		2,500.00
Town Reports		1,550.00
Police Garage		250.00
Land at Town Barn		500.00
Route 123		10,500.00
Road Department Truck		3,500.00
Fire Apparatus		15,000.00
		$209,137.00
State Tax		6,975.00
State Parks Tax		107.84
Old Age Assistance Tax		1,692.00
County Tax		8,324.15
County Hospital Tax		3,557.52
Overlay for 1931		1,569.20

FRANK C. WADE,
LEONARD H. PORTER,
Assessors of Easton.

Report of the Town Treasurer

Receipts

Balance on hand, January 1, 1931:	
Treasurer's Account	$ 13,050.29
School Building Account	346.43
Bond Account	2,124.90
Notes in anticipation of revenue	115,000.00
Received from Collector of Taxes:	
Town and District Taxes of 1929	848.17
Town and District Taxes of 1930	28,007.74
Town and District Taxes of 1931	153,768.71
Interest on Taxes	1,335.96
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income Tax	27,226.50
Corporation Tax, Business	5,134.84
Corporation Tax, Gas, Elec. Light and Water	1,130.20
Corporation Tax, Railroad, Tel. & Tel.	620.66
Trust Company Tax	257.00
National Bank Tax	1,431.35
Burial of Indigent Soldier	100.00
Veterans' Exemption	34.11
National Bank Tax of 1929	3.10
National Bank Tax of 1930	12.83
Corporation Tax, Public Service	.97
Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1930	6.61
Gasoline Tax	2,431.73
Division of Highways (Route 123)	15,000.00
Received from County of Bristol:	
Highway, Route 123	10,000.00
Dog Tax of 1930	1,181.36

Oliver Ames Highway Fund, Income	23,393.17
Oliver Ames Highway Fund, 2nd, Income	1,108.40
Oliver Ames School Fund, Income	20,789.89
Oliver Ames School Fund, 2nd, Income	400.00
Department Receipts:	
School	3,873.30
Public Welfare	3,066.22
Infirmary	820.00
Health	1,165.71
Road	647.28
Incidentals	483.50
Police	354.62
Town Clerk	280.65
Tax Collector	629.63
State Aid	144.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	112.26
Town Hall	113.00
Insurance	81.39
Fire	4.10
Registrars of Voters	1.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Income	1,719.07
Interest on daily bank balances:	
Treasurer	363.29
Collector	68.23
School Building Account	4.78
Bond Account	10.69
	$438,687.64

Expenditures

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
State Tax	6,975.00
Old Age Assistance Tax	1,700.00
State Parks and Reservations	107.84

Trust Company Tax, 1928	.05
Paid County of Bristol:	
County Tax	8,324.15
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,557.52
First National Bank of Easton, Notes	50,000.00
First National Bank of Easton, Interest on Notes	591.22
Merchants National Bank of Boston, Notes	50,000.00
Merchants National Bank of Boston, Int. on Notes	886.11
North Easton Village District Taxes	10,807.80
South Easton and Eastondale District Taxes	5,070.64
Unionville District Taxes	2,733.20
Tax Refunds:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1930	6.69
Town Taxes of 1931	9.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care Work	1,723.07
Accountant's Expense	40.80
Accountant's Salary	500.00
Assessors' Expense	496.93
Assistant to Clerk, Treas. and Collector	1,200.00
Collector's Expense	539.66
Elections	196.75
Fire Department	1,532.04
Fire Apparatus	13,380.50
Forest Warden	300.00
Health Department	4,186.22
Highway Department	44,678.77
Highway Department Truck	864.25
Highway, Route 123	40,000.00
Highway, Park Street	4,986.64
Land at Town Barn	500.00
Incidentals	121.48
Insurance	1,058.26
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Legal Service	600.00

Memorial Day	349.90
Moth Department	1,997.63
Pension	491.04
Police Department	6,789.61
Police Garage	250.00
Public Welfare	15,795.58
Old Age Assistance	1,448.80
Infirmary	3,833.46
Soldiers' Relief	1,796.82
State Aid	154.00
Registrars of Voters, Salaries	225.00
Registrars of Voters, Expense	66.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures	481.77
School Department	108,121.01
Grading at High School	988.10
School Building Program	723.71
School Furnishings and Equipment	150.00
School Bonds	7,500.00
Interest on School Bonds	6,056.15
Selectmen's Expense	199.49
Town Clerk's Expense	183.98
Town Hall	137.20
Town Offices	781.47
Town Officers' Salaries	5,825.00
Town Physicians	600.00
Town Reports	1,544.29
Treasurer's Expense	249.50
Tree Department	2,497.63
Balance on hand, December 31, 1931:	
Treasurer's Account	11,600.57
School Building Account	22.72
Bond Account	1.57
	$438,687.64

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer.

World War Memorial Fund

The following is a statement of the condition of the World War Memorial Fund, as of December 31, 1931:

Credit Balance, December 31, 1930		$8,364.57
Interest April 15, 1931	$ 209.10	
Interest October 15, 1931	192.89	401.99
Credit Balance, December 31, 1931		$8,766.56

This account is in the North Easton Savings Bank to the credit of "Treasurer, Town of Easton".

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer, Town of Easton.

Treasurer's Report, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association for the Year 1931

Balance on hand January 1, 1931		$ 54.49
Received for rent of Halls for entertainments, etc.		453.10
Received from Paul Dean Lodge for rent of rooms, as per lease		1.00
		$ 508.59
EXPENDITURES		
Janitor Service	$ 162.50	
Coal	91.00	
Water	10.00	
Light	34.62	
Miscellaneous	22.51	
John R. Field, Clerk	50.00	370.63
Balance on hand January 1, 1932		$ 137.96

INSURANCE FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1931		$1,087.91
Interest received from Income on Bonds and Stock held for Insurance and Repair account		662.50
Interest on Deposit in North Easton Savings Bank		62.92
		$1,813.33
EXPENDITURES		
Insurance	$ 166.13	
Repairs	76.41	242.54
Balance on hand January 1, 1932		$1,570.79

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. FIELD, Treasurer

Report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for 1931

At its first meeting of the year the Board organized as follows:

Luther E. Swift, Chairman
Sigfrid V. Ledin
Frank A. White
Harry R. Franklin, Clerk

Three sessions were held prior to the Annual Town Meeting:

Thursday, February 5th, at Town Infirmary, 4 registrations.

Thursday, February 12th, at South Easton School, 19 registrations.

Wednesday, February 18th, at Town Clerk's Office, 63 registrations.

Special meetings were held for certification of names on nomination papers of Town and District Officers.

At the close of registration, February 18th, the number of registered voters in Easton was as follows:

Precinct 1	Men	185		
	Women	164	349	
Precinct 2	Men	818		
	Women	820	1,638	
Precinct 3	Men	282		
	Women	244	526	2,513

Votes cast at Town Election, March, 1931: :

Precinct 1	242		
Precinct 2	1,237		
Precinct 3	343	Total	1,822

Names checked for entrance to Town business meeting of March 2, 1931:

Precinct 1	65		
Precinct 2	269		
Precinct 3	68	Total	402

In the Spring and Fall of 1932, 2 State and 1 Presidential Primaries will be held. These will call for special voting lists with party designations. The lists for the last Primary showed the following party enrollments:

Precinct 1	Democratic	3
	Republicans	234
Precinct 2	Democratic	211
	Republican	805
Precinct 3	Democratic	6
	Republican	380
		1,639

Total by parties:

Democratic	220
Republican	1,419
	1,639

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Clerk.

Report of the Tax Collector

TAXES OF 1929

Dr.

Uncollected balance, January 1, 1931	$431.62	
Committed in 1931	434.93	
Interest charged	43.90	
Costs	4.15	914.60

Cr.

Collected in 1931	848.17	
Interest collected	43.90	
Costs	4.15	
Abatements	18.38	914.60

Collections Itemized

	Excise	Personal	Real	N. E.	Union.	Total
Collected	434.93	61.25	282.07	36.80	33.12	848.17
Abated	.00	18.38	.00	.00	.00	18.38
Total	434.93	79.63	282.07	36.80	33.12	866.55

TAXES OF 1930

Dr.

Uncollected balance, Jan. 1, 1931	$31,108.70	
Interest charged	1,019.98	
Costs	290.70	
Abatements refunded	6.69	32,426.07

Cr.

Collected in 1931	28,007.74	
Interest collected	1,019.98	
Costs	290.70	
Abatements	854.91	
Abatements refunded	6.69	
Uncollected balance, Dec. 31, 1931	2,246.05	32,426.07

Collections Itemized

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Uncollected	Total
Excise	1,293.26	289.03	6.69	.00	1,588.98
Poll	152.00	168.00	.00	.00	320.00
Personal	1,617.10	180.54	.00	153.35	1,950.99
Real Estate	21,237.34	168.39	.00	1,628.96	23,034.69
Moth	20.70	.00	.00	5.80	26.50
No. Easton Dist.	1,566.29	5.83	.00	99.37	1,671.49
So. Easton Dist.	1,527.92	39.90	.00	271.69	1,839.51
Unionville Dist.	593.13	3.22	.00	86.88	683.23
Total	28,007.74	854.91	6.69	2,246.05	31,115.39

TAXES OF 1931

Dr.

Property Commitment	$181,898.25	
December Commitment	28.13	
Poll Commitments	3,390.00	
Excise Commitments	12,167.60	
Old Age Commitments	1,695.00	
Interest charged	272.08	
Costs	132.80	
Abatements refunded	10.53	199,594.39

Cr.

Collected in 1931	153,768.71	
Interest collected	272.08	
Costs	132.80	
Abatements	1,616.82	
Abatements refunded	10.53	
Uncollected balance, Dec. 31, 1931	43,793.45	199,594.39

Collections Itemized

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Uncollected	Total
Old Age	1,507.00	.00	.00	188.00	1,695.00
Excise	10,372.14	579.32	.00	1,216.14	12,167.60
Poll	3,016.00	.00	.00	374.00	3,390.00
Personal	19,529.61	314.49	.00	2,500.88	22,344.98
Real Estate	104,252.98	606.05	9.30	35,357.37	140,225.70
Moth	230.10	.00	.00	9.30	239.40
North Easton	9,211.21	89.14	.43	1,730.24	11,031.02
South Easton	3,542.72	4.70	.80	1,868.22	5,416.44
Unionville	2,106.95	23.12	.00	549.30	2,679.37
Total	153,768.71	1,616.82	10.53	43,793.45	199,189.51

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Tax Collector.

Report of the Tree Warden

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

The following is a report of the Tree Department for the year 1931.

During the year 1931 it was necessary to remove fifty-one trees for the followings reasons. Thirty-one were dead or in a dangerous condition, eight were removed after a hearing, upon request of the adjacent property owner, and twelve to relieve traffic conditions.

The outlook for 1932 is no more promising. The past dry seasons have been very hard on our trees, especially Elms and Maples, and several more will have to be removed this year.

There are also several trees that have grown large, and this in connection with their age, is making them a menace to property, as well as traffic on our roads. Note one place in particular, Main Street near Seaver Street, where there are several very large Maples.

But ten trees were planted this year, to replace seven Norway and three Rock Maples killed by frost injury.

The Edison Light Company, under the supervision of the Tree Warden, trimmed all of their primary lines in Easton this year. The work was done at no expense to the town, and the results should give a decided improvement in our electric light and power service.

Trimming was also done by the Postal Telegraph and Telephone Company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and in some locations by the local Telephone Company.

The usual trimming was done on the trees on most of the streets of the town, but through lack of funds it was necessary on several of the streets to remove only such limbs as were dangerous.

Necessary bolting and some cavity work was done, and much more should be done, to save many desirable trees.

In making my recommendations for the 1932 appropriations, in both Tree and Moth Departments, I have taken into consideration the present financial condition, and have recommended only an amount which I believe will be needed to cover the actual work necessary to hold our trees in the condition they are at present, and to remove such trees as it is required to remove. Further work than this, and the planting of trees, except in replacement, I believe can well be left until some future time.

I recommend for this department the sum of $2,500.00.

Appropriation	$2,500.00
Expended	2,497.63
Unexpended balance	$ 2.37

For a detailed account of expenses, see Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE W. MELENDY,
Tree Warden.

Report of the Superintendent of Moth Work

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of work of the department for the year 1931.

An increase in the number of Gypsy Moth egg clusters is noted in those sections of the town already scouted. In the west section of the town, bordering Mansfield, there are several rather large colonies. The State Inspector for this division assures me that he will see that the Town of Mansfield cares for the Mansfield border, and this should prevent further spread from that section to Easton. It may be necessary to spray a belt in some of the colonies along the border.

As yet no Brown Tail Moth webs have been found.

Satin Moth condition continues good.

A very general outbreak of Elm Leaf Beetle throughout southern Massachusetts has been reported this year, and in Easton the most heavily infested section was in North Easton Village. Although street elms were sprayed, the larvae from private unsprayed trees were so numerous that many of the street trees were badly defoliated from their spread. Every elm in the district should be thoroughly sprayed in 1932.

The truck purchased last year remains in good condition and has been used by Moth and Tree Departments, as well as with a snowplow, for the Highway Department, during the snow season.

The power sprayer also gave good service at several forest fires.

For the use of this department in 1932, I recommend that the sum of $2,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Appropriation	$2,000.00
Expended	1,997.63
Unexpended balance	$ 2.37

For expenditures in detail, see Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE W. MELENDY,
Moth Superintendent.

Report of the Board of Health

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

The number of diseases dangerous to the public health reported in 1931 was one hundred thirty-seven, as follows: Chicken Pox, forty-three; Whooping Cough, twenty-four; Measles, twelve; German Measles, seventeen; Scarlet Fever, sixteen; Lobar Pneumonia, seven; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, six; Anterior Poliomyelitis, five; Dog Bite, three; Diphtheria, two; Mumps, one; Erysipelas, one.

The deaths from reportable diseases were four,—three from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one from Lobar Pneumonia.

The number of deaths of residents of Easton from all causes during the year was sixty-seven, this being a death rate of 12.6, based on a population of 5,298.

The number of births was eighty-two, a birth rate of 15.4 per thousand.

During the year we have had twelve patients at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital and one patient at the Lakeville Sanatorium. The amount expended on account of Tuberculosis in 1931 was $2,659.30, which is the largest amount that has been spent by the board for this purpose in any one year.

The total amount spent by the board in 1931 was $4,186.22. This amount is much larger than usual and is due to the increase in cost of caring for Tuberculosis patients. However, the amount of $4,186.22 does not represent the net cost to the town, as there were receipts on account of activities of the Board of Health for Tuberculosis subsidy, reimbursement of the town by patients, and licenses issued by the board, amounting to $1,165.71, which went into the general fund of the town. There is also due the town from subsidy for care of Tuberculosis patients and due from patient who is paying the expense of his care the further amount of $1,093.45, which will also be paid into the general fund of the town on account of expenditures of the board for 1931.

The town dump at the foot of Baldwin Street, which we have been using for a number of years, is being filled up very fast. The privileges of this dump have been abused in the past by people dumping worn out automobiles and other bulky articles. Dumping of such articles is strictly forbidden. The purpose of the dump is to enable householders to dispose of their rubbish and house offal.

Prior to the time that we procured dumping privileges at this dump, the board had many complaints of illegal dumping on private property. Many nuisances were placed on private premises by unknown parties, and all the Board of Health could do under the circumstances was to oblige the owner of the premises to remove the nuisance. This resulted in a great deal of hardship and injustice to many people.

The present dump can not be expected to last many years more, as it is practically filled at the present time. Procuring a proper place for a dump is a very difficult problem, as people who own land which might be suitable for dumping purposes are very reluctant to allow such land to be used for such purposes. Probably the only practical solution of the problem of disposing of rubbish and offal is the establishment of an incinerator, which could be established in such location as to be used by all parts of the town. While the matter of a public dump is probably more acute in North Easton on account of the larger number of people, yet it is something of a problem in other thickly settled communities in the town.

Last year the Board passed an order forbidding the keeping of swine in the North Easton Village District without a permit. We are glad to report that the result has been very gratifying, as we have not had a single complaint during the year on account of the keeping of swine.

Licenses issued by the board in effect in 1931 were as follows: Milk dealers and producers, one hundred forty-two: Manicuring and massage, five; Manufacture of non-alcoholic beverages, one; Slaughtering license, one; Sale of denatured alcohol, eleven; Sale of oleomargarine, five; Garbage collector's license, two; Permits to keep swine, twelve, and six temporary permits. There were forty-five burial permits issued.

We append the report of the Milk Inspector and the report of the Inspector of Slaughtering.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,
FRANK E. TILDEN,
CORA M. HENNIGAR,

Board of Health.

Report of the Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Board of Health of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1931 .

During the year I have inspected four carcasses of Beef, twelve carcasses of Veal, and ten carcasses of Swine.

J. CLINTON GOWARD,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

Report of Inspector of Milk

North Easton, Mass.,
December 15, 1931.

To Mr. D. J. O'Connell,
Chairman, Board of Health,
Easton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The following is the report of milk inspection for the year 1931.

Total samples tested for butter fat	124
Total samples tested for total solids	124
Total samples tested for solids not fat	124
Number of pint samples	100
Number of quart samples	24
Number of samples plated for bacterial count	124
Number of samples below standard in butter fat	7
Number of samples below standard in total solids	5
Highest average in butter fat for the year	4.93
Lowest average in butter fat for the year	3.55
Highest average in total solids for the year	14.66
Lowest average in total solids for the year	12.42
Lowest average bacteria count for the year	5,227
Highest average bacteria count for the year	89,000
Number of oleomargarine licenses issued	5

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. FITZPATRICK.

Inspector of Milk.

List of Jurors, July 1, 1931

Name	Street	Occupation
Ames, Arthur W.	Mechanic St.	Shoe Worker
Alward, Frank	Linden St.	Shovel Worker
Anderson, Frank W.	King Avenue	Plumber
Bemis, Wendall M.	Randall St.	Painter
Benson, Edwin C.	Columbus Avenue	Insurance
Binney, Herbert	Foundry St.	Gas Station Prop.
Bridges, William C.	Williams St.	Automobile Dealer
Broman, W. J. G.	Linden St.	Shovel Worker
Buckley, Joseph	Elm St.	Gardener
Canegaly, A. E.	Pine St.	Shoe Worker
Carter, George A., Sr.	Lincoln St.	Shoe Worker
Chickering, Albert	Center St.	Chauffeur
Coleman, Francis J.	Barrows St.	Mechanic
Coughlin, Michael	Elm St.	Shovel Worker
Dahlborg, Hobart	Pleasant St.	Laborer
Dahlborg, Joseph L.	Jenny Lind St.	Shoe Worker
Drew, Roy L.	Washington St.	Shoe Worker
Duchesneau, Roderick	Main St.	Florist
Eaton, Chester A.	North Main St.	Laborer
Farrow, John L.	Center St.	Ice Dealer
Fenwick, Harold M.	Turnpike St.	Printer
Flynn, William	Sheridan St.	Electrical Worker
Galvin, John J.	North Main St.	Heel Maker
Goodman, James L.	North Main St.	Laborer
Grant, Joseph J.	Belmont St.	Poultryman
Hagg, Sven P.	North Main St.	Carpenter
Harris, James A.	Holmes St.	Caretaker
Harrold, Elmer C.	Center St.	Salesman
Harvey, Raymond F.	Foundry St.	Foreman
Heath, Dan	Poquanticut Avenue	Clerk

Heath, Harold J.	Depot St.	Carpenter
Henderson, John A.	Center St.	Plumber
Hollertz, Arthur	Holmes St.	Shoe Worker
Howard, John B.	Washington St.	Grain and Coal Dealer
Johnson, Aldo D.	Howland Court	Office Worker
Johnson, Hjalmer	Center St.	Machinist
Keith, Wilfred P.	Washington St.	Chauffeur
Lawson, Harry S.	Mechanic St.	Shoe Worker
Lindquist, John A.	Jenny Lind St.	Electrician
Lowndes, Samuel	Pond St.	Chauffeur
Mahoney, John F.	Lincoln St.	Shoe Worker
MacLeod, Charles E.	Washington St.	Pattern Maker
Middleton, David	Main St.	Insurance
Miller, Andrew	Purchase St.	Salesman
Mills, William H.	Center St.	Jeweler
McAna, James A.	North Main St.	Caretaker
McDonald, Peter	Lincoln St.	Real Estate and Insurance
McMullen, Charles R.	Main St.	Meat Cutter
O'Connell, William	Center St.	Shoe Worker
O'Connor, John F.	Bay St.	Farmer
Olson, Charles	Holmes St.	Laborer
Osborne, William T.	North Main St.	Last Maker
Perry, Fred L.	Spooner St.	Contractor
Plunkett, Harold J.	William St.	Laborer
Randall, George M.	Washington St.	Dairyman
Reardon, Cornelius	Barrows St.	Laborer
Rice, Harry A.	Washington St.	Chauffeur
Spillane, John	North Main St.	Shoe Worker
Stanton, John J., Jr.	Sheridan St.	Mechanic
Watt, James, Jr.	Elm St.	Salesman
Weir, Ernest B.	Depot St.	Carpenter
Wilde, Francis	Hayward St.	Shipper

Report of the Inspector of Animals

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

During the year I inspected six hundred and four cows, one hundred seventy-three young stock and twenty-nine bulls

I have also inspected the buildings in which the above cattle were housed.

J. CLINTON GOWARD,

Inspector of Animals.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

Following is the report of the Sealer's Department for the year ending December 31, 1931.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.	1	3		2
Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.	2	14		
Counter Scales under 100 lbs.		16		1
Spring Scales over 100 lbs.		12		
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.	5	25		
Computing Scales over 100 lbs.	2	16		2
Computing Scales under 100 lbs.	2	22	3	2
Personal Weighing Scales		7		
Avoirdupois Weights	5	76		
Metric Weights		17		
Vehicle Tanks		4		
Liquid Measures		209		
Dry Measures		1		
Gasolene Pumps	20	85	9	3
Kerosene Pumps		8	2	
Oil Pumps	4	27	90	
Molasses Pumps	1	1	2	
Quantity stops on pumps	60	523		
Yard Measurers		5		
Totals	102	1,071	106	10

INSPECTIONS

Transient Vendors	2
Pedlers' Licenses	12
Pedlers' Scales	13
Junk Scales	7
Labels on Bread	6
Milk Jars	15
Other Inspections	7
Totals	62

TESTS

Gas Pump Retests	65
Berry Baskets	6
Mass. Standard Boxes	6
Totals	77

To January 1, 1932, the sum of $106.16 was received for sealing fees and adjusting charges and paid to the Town Treasurer.

The State Inspector recommends that the appropriation be divided in the following manner:

Salary	$400.00
Transportation	75.00
Maintenance	25.00
Total	$500.00

Appropriation	$500.00
Expended	481.77
Unexpended balance	18.23

Receipts for 1931	106.16
Net cost of Department to Town	$375.61

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. READDY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of the Town Accountant

I have examined the books of the Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer, also various Trust Funds, and find the same to be correct.

The expenditures, appropriations, and receipts of the various departments are shown on the following pages.

JOHN M. SMITH,
Town Accountant.

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 200.00
Telephone	$ 46.41	
Transportation	73.50	
Printing and Stationery	70.96	
All other expenses	8.62	199.49
Unexpended balance		.51

TOWN OFFICES

Appropriations (March, 1931)		$ 800.00
Rent	$ 660.00	
Light	44.48	
Cleaning	52.00	
All other expenses	24.99	781.47
Unexpended balance		18.53

ACCOUNTANT'S SALARY

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$ 500.00
John M. Smith, Salary	500.00
Unexpended balance	.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 125.00
Printing and Stationery	$ 36.80	
All other expenses	4.00	40.80
Unexpended balance		84.20

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 250.00
Surety Bond	$ 105.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	124.25	
All other expenses	20.25	249.50
Unexpended balance		.50

COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 550.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	$ 319.66	
Surety Bond	210.00	
All other expenses	10.00	539.66
Unexpended balance		10.34

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 500.00
Mary E. Wade, Services	$ 189.00	
Printing and Stationery	87.37	
Transportation	147.88	
Copying Deeds	53.25	
Assessors' Map	19.00	
All other expenses	.43	496.93
Unexpended balance		3.07

LEGAL SERVICES

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 600.00
James F. Burke, Services		600.00
Unexpended balance		.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 200.00
Transferred for 1930 bills		6.50
		206.50
Printing, Stationery and Postage	$ 27.66	
Telephone	53.06	
Typewriter	50.00	
Surety Bond	5.00	
All other expenses	48.26	183.98
Unexpended balance		22.52

ASSISTANT TO CLERK, TREASURER and COLLECTOR

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$1,200.00
Winifred Cunningham, Services	1,200.00
Unexpended balance	.00

ELECTION EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 200.00
Election Officers	$ 132.00	
Printing and Stationery	55.75	
All other expenses	9.00	196.75
Unexpended balance		3.25

REGISTRARS' SALARIES

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 225.00
Sigfred V. Ledin	$ 75.00	
Frank A. White	75.00	
Luther E. Swift	75.00	225.00
Unexpended balance		.00

REGISTRARS' EXPENSE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 125.00
Printing and Stationery	$ 58.25	
All other expenses	8.50	66.75
Unexpended balance		58.25

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$5,825.00
Selectmen	$ 750.00	
Assessors	1,200.00	
Town Clerk	1,000.00	
Collector of Taxes	1,200.00	
Treasurer	600.00	
Board of Public Welfare	750.00	
Moderator	25.00	
Board of Health	300.00	5,825.00
Unexpended balance		.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 150.00
C. C. Ripley, Janitor	$ 61.50	
Wood	36.00	
Light	19.08	
Repairs	14.57	
Janitor's Supplies	6.05	137.20
Unexpended balance		12.80

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$7,850.00
E. T. Ellis, Services as Chief of Police	$2,400.00	
James F. O'Neil, Services	1,470.86	
George Pierson, Services	668.12	
Valentine Kalium, Services	754.49	
Edward J. Lyons, Services	216.80	

Cornelius Dailey, Services	46.20	
Conrad Carlson, Services	29.60	
Carl A. Benson, Services	24.60	
John J. Stanton, Services	19.20	
Daniel J. Barrett, Services	16.80	
A. H. Dahlborg, Services	10.20	
Joseph Schindler, Services	53.80	
E. T. Ellis, Services as Lockup Keeper	100.00	
Hjalmer Johnson, Services	7.20	
James, O'Neil, Services	5.40	
Automobile Expense	434.89	
Equipment	9.08	
Fuel and Light	121.03	
Building and Grounds	166.65	
Telephone	137.81	
All other expenses	96.88	6,789.61
Unexpended balance		1,060.39

POLICE GARAGE

Appropriaton (March, 1931)		$ 250.00
J. C. Johnson & Co. Contract		250.00
Unexpended balance		.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$1,600.00
Payroll, Brush fires and fires outside North Easton District	$ 504.75	
Insurance	187.08	
Apparatus and Supplies	474.04	
Hose	225.00	
Gasoline and Oil	76.87	
Telephone	64.30	1,532.04
Unexpended balance		67.96

FIRE APPARATUS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$15,000.00
Mack Motor Truck Co.	$13,375.00	
Advertising	5.50	13,380.50
Unexpended balance		1,619.50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 500.00
R. W. Melendy, Services	$ 24.75	
P. J. Readdy, Services	400.00	
P. J. Readdy, Trucking and Expense	26.00	
Main Street Garage, Trucking	4.00	
Equipment	20.86	
All other expenses	6.16	481.77
Unexpended balance		18.23

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 600.00
Dr. Frank E. Tilden, Services		600.00
Unexpended balance		.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$2,000.00
R. W. Melendy, Services	$ 349.50	
Walter Wry, Services	192.00	
Stanley Jones, Services	268.00	
Fred Reynolds, Services	210.00	
Jasper Phillips, Services	233.00	
Wellington Boynton, Services	129.00	
Howard Gott, Services	93.00	
Charles Porter, Services	40.00	
Patrick Regan, Services	40.00	
William Chesley, Services	62.00	
Theodore Mastaler, Services	40.00	

Charles Reynolds, Services	12.00	
Truck Expense	15.03	
Equipment	22.08	
Insecticides	292.02	1,997.63
Unexpended balance		2.37

TREE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$2,500.00
R. W. Melendy, Services	$ 348.00	
Walter Wry, Services	303.50	
Stanley Jones, Services	408.00	
Fred Reynolds, Services	389.00	
Jasper Phillips, Services	405.50	
William Chesley, Services	10.00	
Wellington Boynton, Services	237.00	
Francis Holmes, Services	59.50	
Equipment	269.85	
Trees	41.25	
All other expenses	26.03	2,497.63
Unexpended balance		2.37

SALARY OF FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 300.00
Daniel F. Lordan, Services		300.00
Unexpended balance		.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$3,000.00
Transfer for 1930 bills		460.80
Transfer from Reserve Fund		730.00
		4,190.80
Printing	$ 30.90	
Transportation and Expense	115.88	

Distributing notices	8.00	
Winifred Cunningham, Clerk	100.00	
Board and treatment, Contagious Diseases	115.45	
Medicine	1.50	
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment	3,090.24	
Tuberculosis, Easton Nursing Asso.	44.00	
Tuberculosis, Transportation	20.00	
Death Returns	10.50	
Fumigation and disinfectants	7.50	
Birth returns	9.75	
Rent and labor at dump	184.00	
Back yard inspection and transportation	150.50	
Dr. Robert B. Porter, Services	55.00	
Inspection of slaughtering	54.75	
Inspection of milk	130.37	
All other expenses	57.88	4,186.22
Unexpended balance		4.58

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 150.00
Edward J. Murphy, Services	$ 50.00	
J. Clinton Goward, Services	100.00	150.00
Unexpended balance		.00

ROUTE 123

Appropriation (March, 1930)		$ 4,500.00
Appropriation (March, 1931)		10,500.00
Received from Commonwealth of Mass.		15,000.00
Received from County of Bristol		10,000.00
		40,000.00
Arute Bros. Contract	$39,796.65	
Advertising	13.20	

Recording	4.18	
Bounds, rail posts, frames and covers	185.97	40,000.00
Unexpended balance		.00

LAND AT TOWN BARN

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$ 500.00
Frank E. Snow	500.00
Unexpended balance	.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$3,500.00
Nolan's Garage, Dump Truck	864.25
Unexpended balance	2,635.75

HIGHWAYS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$20,000.00
Ames Highway Fund		24,501.57
Transfer for 1930 bills		73.64
Refund of Gasoline Tax		25.47
Transfer from Reserve Fund		80.00
		44,680.68
Frank E. Wilbur	$1,800.00	
Peter Melin	953.13	
Edward W. MacLeod	1,368.76	
G. Clinton Gibbs	1,397.50	
William F. Lincoln	862.00	
Herbert C. Ashley	1,023.00	
James H. Gibbs	879.00	
David O. Phillips	1,106.00	
Carl G. Jansen	909.50	
Lester E. Hackett	948.00	
Albert Smith	990.50	
Thomas C. Brophy	1,040.00	

James Martin	1,103.00
John Mowatt	937.50
William Lorden	1,130.00
James E. Morris	702.00
Gustaf A. Eliason	559.50
H. Ellsworth Simpson	564.50
Chester Styren	750.50
Carl W. Erickson	823.50
Arthur Blanchard	270.00
Andrew Carlson	232.50
Edwin A. Sandgren	654.00
Robert E. Dimond	1,062.00
John Pomeroy	660.00
Frank Coleman	501.00
Charles A. Malloy	313.00
William F. Peterson	273.00
George W. Marshall	24.00
Marcello Zanelloto	159.00
Frank E. Barrows	153.00
Harold A. Bondreau	173.50
Charles Olson	117.00
Pelham J. Treleaven	78.00
Robert E. Beatty	36.00
Michael Canty	109.00
Clarence S. Gustafson	70.00
Chester W. Smith	75.00
Edward J. McKenna	173.00
Ernest Dale	220.50
Malcolm Christensen	32.00
Michael Coughlin	108.00
Wellington Boynton	6.00
Howard Gott	4.00
T. Herbert A. Hewitt	40.00
William M. Smith	56.00
William F. Chesley	20.00

Carlton B. Gibbs	67.50
Francis B. Holmes	32.00
Aaron Johnson	14.00
Clinton Webster	364.50
Gustaf L. Anderson	18.00
Orrin Phillips	14.00
August Samuelson	236.50
John Abreu	12.00
William Buzzell	12.00
George Craig	10.00
Joseph Haskell	12.00
Frank Pearson	4.00
John Sundgren	4.00
John Silva Azevedo	4.00
Elmer E. Randall	4.00
Joseph Tavares	4.00
Manuel Barboza	4.00
Glen Miller	4.00
Fred Reynolds	18.50
Walter Wry	6.50
Stanley Jones	20.50
Jasper Phillips	33.50
Willis G. Buck	4.00
Harold F. Chevers	4.00
Royal Herrick	513.50
Harry M. O'Connor	222.00
Eric F. Lundeen	36.00
John Erving	36.00
Daniel J. Welch	48.00
Francis P. Adams	4.00
Auto Expense	300.00
Telephone	62.30
Hay, grain and care of horses	1,015.29
Exchange of horses	550.00
Stone and gravel	626.12

Tar	5,897.87	
Insurance	353.70	
Survey and plan	124.00	
Cutting Trees	65.00	
Water	10.00	
Wall, King Ave.	86.20	
Express and Freight	22.96	
Lumber, Cement and Culverts	1,239.24	
Repairs and Equipment	4,957.32	
Truck Hire	1,076.51	
Team Hire	16.00	
Equipment and Repairs (Plowing Snow)	43.35	
Plowing and Carting Snow	180.00	
Lighting Barn	9.48	
Lighting Traffic Signals	256.42	
Street Signs	251.32	
All other expenses	301.30	44,678.77
Unexpended balance		1.91

PARK STREET

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$5,000.00
James E. Morris	$ 216.00	
Peter Meline	365.63	
G. Clinton Gibbs	30.00	
William F. Lincoln	140.00	
Robert E. Dimond	84.00	
Herbert C. Ashley	78.00	
James H. Gibbs	16.00	
Carl Jansen	112.50	
Lester E. Hackett	112.50	
Thomas C. Brophy	66.50	
Edward W. MacLeod	30.00	
Albert Smith	88.50	
John Mowatt	112.50	
Tony Souza	56.00	

William Lorden	114.00
Royal Herrick	52.00
Gustaf A. Eliason	92.00
John Silva Azevedo	77.50
Chester Styren	145.50
Harry M. O'Connor	68.00
Edwin A. Sandgren	92.00
John Pomeroy	68.00
Harold A. Boudreau	46.00
Willis G. Buck	64.50
Frank Coleman	112.50
Ernest Dale	74.50
Malcolm Christensen	73.00
Francis B. Holmes	74.50
George W. Marshall	48.00
Daniel Welsh	70.50
Harold F. Chevers	54.50
George H. Craig	50.50
Michael Coughlin	50.50
William Buzzell	46.50
Gustaf L. Anderson	48.50
John Fernandez	26.00
Everett Washburn	36.00
Charles Todd	36.00
William Eddy	34.50
James D. Eddy, Jr.	36.00
Percy Godsoe	28.00
Allen Carr	20.00
Carl G. Hagg	20.00
Clifford Molander	20.00
Francis Brophy	20.00
Ernest Fitz Simmons	20.00
Edward F. Martens	20.00
Frank Pearson	56.00
Leslie Lowell	46.50

Glen Miller	76.00	
John Erving	65.50	
William Peterson	38.00	
Aaron J. Johnson	68.00	
Manuel Barboza	49.50	
Joseph Tavares	57.50	
John C. Banks	73.50	
Elmer E. Randall	41.50	
T. Herbert A. Hewitt	30.00	
Edward J. McKenna	32.00	
Orrin Phillips	74.50	
Wellington Boynton	64.50	
Albert Johnson	30.50	
John Sandgren	56.00	
Team Hire	444.00	
Tarvia	242.16	
Survey and Plan	49.50	
Printing	4.85	
Hay	39.00	4,986.64
Unexpended balance		13.36

INFIRMARY

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$4,000.00
J. A. Arnold, Superintendent	$1,000.00	
Labor, Cutting Wood, Haying, etc.	276.12	
Building maintenance and repairs	341.82	
Clothing, groceries and provisions	296.80	
Equipment and repairs	187.51	
Telephone	67.19	
Coal and Wood	287.56	
Light and Power	134.17	
Grain	408.53	
Care of Horses	37.00	
Ice	78.06	

All other expenses	218.70	3,833.46
Unexpended balance		166.54

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$13,500.00
Transfer for 1930 Bills		598.82
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,190.00
		15,288.82
Printing and Stationery	$ 22.48	
Transportation and Expense	41.00	
Clothing, groceries and provisions	6,321.63	
Coal and wood	984.51	
Board and care	192.00	
Medicine and medical attendance	142.15	
State Institutions	416.00	
Rent and cash aid	4,550.08	
Relief by other Cities and Towns	986.43	
Mothers' Aid	2,042.09	
All other expenses	97.21	15,795.58
Account overdrawn		506.76

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$2,000.00
Transfer for 1930 Bills		229.97
		2,229.97
Fuel	118.75	
Clothing, groceries and provisions	1,004.62	
Medicine and medical attendance	34.20	
Cash Aid	515.00	
Rent	108.25	
All other expenses	16.00	1,796.82
Unexpended balance		433.15

STATE AID

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 160.00
Cash Aid		154.00
Unexpended balance		6.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$1,700.00
Cash Aid	$1,444.80	
All other expenses	4.00	1,448.80
Unexpended balance		251.20

1930 BILLS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$1,376.92
Transferred to Soldiers' Relief	$ 229.97	
Transferred to Public Welfare	598.82	
Transferred to Incidentals	7.19	
Transferred to Health Department	460.80	
Transferred to Highways	73.64	
Transferred to Town Clerk's Expense	6.50	1,376.92
Unexpended balance		.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$2,000.00
Transferred to Highways	$ 80.00	
Transferred to Health Department	730.00	
Transferred to Public Welfare	1,190.00	2,000.00
Unexpended balance		.00

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 150.00
Transfer for 1930 Bills		7.19
		157.19

Decorating Town Office	$ 12.50	
Assessors' Book	23.14	
Election Officers and Warrants	23.50	
Advertising and Printing	31.14	
Funeral Expense	20.00	
All other expenses	11.20	121.48
Unexpended balance		35.71

INSURANCE

Appropriation (March,1931)		$1,200.00
General Insurance	$2,601.99	
Less School Insurance	1,543.73	1,058.26
Unexpended balance		141.74

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$ 350.00
Music	$ 220.00	
Transportation	50.00	
Flags	33.51	
All other expenses	46.39	349.90
Unexpended balance		.10

PENSIONS

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$ 492.00
Charles S. Coldwell	491.04
Unexpended balance	.96

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$1,550.00
Printing Town Reports	$1,496.04	
Distributing Town Reports	40.00	
All other expenses	8.25	1,544.29
Unexpended balance		5.71

INTEREST ON NOTES

Appropriation (March, 1931)		$2,000.00
First National Bank of Easton	$ 591.22	
Merchants National Bank	886.11	1,477.33
Unexpended balance		522.67

GRADING AT HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$1,000.00
John F. Carlson & Son	988.10
Unexpended balance	11.90

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

North Easton Village Dist. Labor and Material	$ 708.11
John F. Carlson & Son, Water Table	15.60
McLaughlin & Burr, Service	150.00
	873.71

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March, 1931)	$95,335.00
Ames School Fund	20,789.89
	116,124.89
Less Transfer to Bond Account	8,000.00
	108,124.89

Salaries of Superintendent and Teachers:

	Yearly Rate	Paid From Oakes Ames Fund	Paid by Town
Gilbert C. Mann	$3,700.00	$ 200.00	$3,499.92
Gilman H. Campbell	3,100.00		3,100.00
Mary F. Conley	2,000.00		2,000.00

Margaret E. Dolen	1,800.00		1,800.00
Mary L. Dolan	1,800.00		1,764.00
Clara A. Drake	1,500.00		1,500.00
Inez E. Durgin	1,600.00		944.00
Arthur L. Gemme	2,500.00		2,155.00
Eleanor I. Hartling	1,400.00	225.00	1,115.00
Kathleen R. Kelleher	1,400.00		1,333.00
Charles E. MacLeod	1,800.00	513.00	207.00
Mildred V. Mara	1,600.00		1,540.00
Lucy A. Money	1,500.00		892.50
Helen G. Murray	1,500.00		600.00
Margaret M. Murphy	1,600.00		640.00
Norman N. Nevins	2,200.00		2,133.36
Barbara Nickerson	1,700.00		1,700.00
Astrid Norling	1,700.00		1,683.00
Agnes E. Osgood	1,800.00		1,800.00
Hilda F. Ramsay	1,400.00		1,387.50
Leon A. Regan	2,200.00		2,200.00
Mildred H. Shurtleff	1,500.00		1,500.00
Elizabeth E. Sweeney	1,600.00		960.00
Robert N. Taylor	2,400.00		2,400.00
Howard A. Tozier	2,000.00		150.00
Margaret C. Trefethen	1,700.00		1,640.00
Walter H. Warriner	2,200.00	1,080.00	240.00
Henrietta Winchester	1,700.00		1,640.00
Mary A. Stone	2,000.00		890.00
Jessie A. Dix	1,900.00		760.00
Mary V. Harvey	1,400.00		1,400.00
Mary A. O'Connell	1,400.00		1,400.00
Dorothy S. Marshall	1,400.00		1,340.00
Johanna G. McFadden	1,400.00		1,400.00
Astrid Nyquist	1,350.00		1,290.00
Mabel M. Leach	1,400.00		1,400.00
Mildred J. O'Connor	1,200.00		1,140.00
Louise E. Canegaly	1,400.00		1,393.00

Ruby L. Barrows	1,400.00		1,400.00
Doris W. Leach	1,400.00	1,312.00	67.00
Letitia Bird	1,500.00		1,500.00
Sadie L. Hurst	1,500.00		1,500.00
Martha C. Johnson	1,000.00		908.50
Anabelle P. Newman	1,400.00		1,400.00
Florence M. Harris	1,400.00		1,400.00
Lyle E. Hood	1,400.00		1,340.00
Caroline D. Belcher	1,400.00		1,400.00
Roberta M. Kellogg	1,400.00		1,400.00
Edith V. Goff	1,400.00		1,400.00
Mary C. Gleason	1,400.00		1,319.00
Helen Nevins			40.00
Gaynell B. Regan			60.25
Margaret H. Mason			13.75
Mrs. E. P. Cameron			9.50
Dorothy Tufts			11.00
Mary C. Donahoe			22.00
Mary E. Williams			195.00
Grace P. Mills			29.25
Alma Burgess			4.50
	JANITORS		
Alfred H. Dahlborg	1,435.00		1,435.00
Willard F. Burt	1,235.00		1,235.00
John J. Stanton	1,435.00		1,230.77
Thore Pearson	800.00		626.64
Harry A. Smith	250.00		250.00
Everett A. Dunn	360.00		360.00
Dexter Ewell	450.00		390.00
George M. Buck	180.00		180.00
Cornelius Riorden			233.33
Robert Case			64.40
Richard Harris			36.75
Francis McSweeney			14.70
Clifton C. Ripley			30.00

School Committee traveling expense	20.68
Office expense	96.19
Telephone	90.77
Superintendent's traveling expense	186.21
Supervisor of Attendance	178.00
Clerk	1,134.00
Supervisor's expense	86.82
Textbooks	1,846.62
Supplies for instruction	3,954.02
Fuel	3,751.33
Janitor's Supplies	746.79
Water	253.87
Electricity	1,095.39
Miscellaneous operating expenses	135.76
Repairs	2,937.03
Furniture and Furnishings	456.58
Salary of School Physician	600.00
Salary of Nurse	1,100.00
Transportation of Nurse	186.06
Supplies	77.49
Miscellaneous	48.06
Transportation	8,980.35
Tuition	362.57
Teachers' Convention	76.30
Graduation	72.52
General	74.62
Insurance	1,543.73
Permanent Improvement	517.71
New Equipment	1,067.92
	$108,121.01
Unexpended balance	3.88

DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

SCHOOLS

Dog Tax	$1,181.36	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Industrial Schools	28.90	
Trade Schools	61.78	
Tuition of children	3,355.24	
Income Tax, 1931, Educational	11,137.50	
City of Boston, School tuition	94.15	
Telephone	30.93	
Sale of books and supplies	87.67	
Retirement Fund	39.00	
Car tickets	15.50	
Stencil work	4.65	
Hall rent	9.00	
Tuition	10.00	
Sale of equipment	134.63	
Easton Chamber of Commerce, Mimeograph work	1.85	$16,192.16

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fines	$ 330.62	
Revolver permits	14.00	
Traffic Sign and Signal Co.	10.00	$ 354.62

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector's Fees		$ 629.63

INCIDENTALS

Sale of History	$ 2.50	
Licenses	481.00	$ 483.50

HEALTH

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Tuberculosis subsidy	$ 730.71	
Refund of Bristol County Hospital bills	409.50	
Licenses	25.50	$ 1,165.71

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer's Fees	$ 112.26

PUBLIC WELFARE

Refunds for aid	$ 3,066.22

INFIRMARY

Milk	$ 226.70	
Eggs	10.10	
Telephone	22.80	
Hay	141.50	
Wood	394.00	
Miscellaneous	24.90	$ 820.00

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk's Fees	$ 280.65

INSURANCE

Return premiums and adjustments	$ 81.39

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Extinguishing R. R. Fire	$ 1.00	
Telephone tolls	3.10	$ 4.10

STATE AID

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$ 144.00

TOWN HALL

Rent		$ 113.00

HIGHWAYS

Gasoline tax refund	$ 51.19	
Street Railway Tax	507.32	
Use of roller	20.00	
Discount on gasoline	8.52	
Paving blocks	9.00	
Patching road for Brockton Gas Light Co.	34.25	
John R. Field, Material	17.00	$ 647.28

REGISTRARS

Sale of voting lists		$ 1.00

Report of the State Auditor

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Joseph W. Linehan, Chairman,
Easton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the period from January 1, 1930, to December 5, 1931 made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the period from January 1, 1930, to December 5, 1931, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and verified by a comparison with the books and records in the offices of the treasurer and the town accountant.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the necessary adjusting entries were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial transactions of the town on December 5, 1931, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed, and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The payments of debt and interest were verified by a comparison with the cancelled bonds, notes, and coupons on file.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer and the selectmen were examined and listed, and the income was proved.

The treasurer's cash balance on December 5, 1931, was proved by a reconciliation of statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited.

Tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the condition and transactions of the trust funds are appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the collector of town and district taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitments were proved, the payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the accountant's ledger.

A further verification of the outstanding taxes was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Schedules showing summaries of the tax accounts are appended to this report.

The town clerk's record of financial votes passed by the town were examined and checked to the accountant's books.

The town clerk's records of sporting, dog, and town licenses were examined and checked, and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game, the county, and the town, respectively, were verified.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the records of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the health, public welfare, and school departments were examined, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds, for the faithful performance of duties, furnished by the several town officials were found to be in proper form.

For the courtesies extended and the assistance rendered by the several officials during the course of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,
Chief Accountant.

TOWN OF EASTON
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 5, 1931

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash in Banks and Office:		
General	$21,657.69	
Special	8,766.56	
Petty cash (collector)	100.00	
		$30,524.25
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1930	$ 2,493.01	
Levy of 1931	51,383.42	
		53,876.43
Old Age Assistance Taxes, 1931		297.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1931		2,089.43
Special Assessments:		
Moth, 1930	$ 5.80	
Moth, 1931	9.30	
		15.10
North Easton District Taxes:		
Levy of 1930	$ 111.70	
Levy of 1931	3,320.79	
		3,432.49
South Easton and Eastondale District Taxes:		
Levy of 1930	$ 343.70	
Levy of 1931	2,018.16	
		2,361.86
Unionville District Taxes:		
Levy of 1930	$ 128.76	
Levy of 1931	631.37	
		760.13
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Overlay, 1928	$ 742.99	
Overlay, 1930	221.15	
New School Building	287.28	
Insurance	1,327.10	
Cemeteries (Due from Trust Fund Income)	1,310.14	
Special State Tax, Old Age Assistance	12.00	
		3,900.66
		$97,257.35

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$135,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Trustees of Trust Funds	*$353,913.31
In Custody of Town Treasurer	4,247.28
In Custody of Selectmen	17,390.94
	$375,551.53

*Figures as of December 31, 1930.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Revenue		$25,000.00
Playground Fund		8,766.56
Premium on Loan		158.46
Appropriation Balances		23,796.93
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1931		661.06
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		339.12
Revenue—Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 2,089.43	
Special Assessment	15.10	
		2,104.53
Revenue—Pledged to Districts When Collected:		
North Easton District	$ 3,971.12	
South Easton and Eastondale District	3,532.77	
Unionville District	901.18	
		8,405.07
Surplus Revenue		28,025.62
		$97,257.35

DEBT ACCOUNTS

School Building Loan		$135,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Oliver Ames Highway Fund—Permanent	$45,433.44	
Oliver Ames School Fund—General	305,111.62	
Oliver Ames School Fund—Permanent	3,368.25	
		$353,913.31
In Custody of Town Treasurer:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		4,247.28
In Custody of Selectmen:		
Hiram P. and Mary L. Drake Cemetery Funds	$16,613.81	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	777.13	
		17,390.94
		$375, 551.53

Report of the Police Department

E. T. ELLIS, Chief of Police

January 8, 1932.

To the Selectmen of Easton,
Joseph W. Linehan, Chairman

I submit my report as Chief of Police for the year 1931.

There were 483 complaints and accidents investigated, 122 complaints prosecuted in Court with 118 convictions, fines of $1,415.00 and jail sentences of 17 years, 3 months and 10 days imposed. Thirty-five services were made for out-of-town police. Property valued at $2,498.33 was reported stolen; property valued at $2,175.00 was recovered; two boys returned to the proper authorities.

Discription of Court Cases

3	Assault and battery
1	Begetting
2	Breaking and entering building, damage to property
2	Breaking and entering building, larceny
1	Robbery while armed
2	Manslaughter
2	Larceny of auto
1	Non-support
1	Peddling without license
1	Cruelty to animals
1	Cutting down shade trees
3	Violation of probation
16	Drunkenness
18	Operating auto negligently
7	Operating auto under influence of liquor
5	Operating auto without license

1	Operating auto after suspension of license
3	Operating auto without registration
2	Operating auto without number plates
4	Operating auto with improper brakes
5	Operating auto with improper lights
7	Operation of auto impeded
19	Failure to slow down at intersection of ways
5	Failure to obey traffic signal
6	Speeding
3	Not giving name after causing injury.

Yours respectfully,

ELISHA T. ELLIS,
Chief of Police.

Report of the Special School Building Committee

The Special Building Committee is unable to make a final report at this time. A dispute has arisen between a sub-contractor and the general contractor as to the amount due from the general contractor to the sub-contractor. The matter is now pending in the Superior Court, Suffolk County. While the town is necessarily a party in these proceedings, we are not concerned with the outcome. We are withholding the final payment and shall continue to do so until the principals in this suit either settle their differences or get a decision of the Court as to whom the money shall be paid.

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,
For the Committee.

Report of the Committee to Investigate School Expenditures and Administration

In considering the matter of school finances in the Town of Easton, the first and most important question that confronts us is the condition contained in the bequest of the Oliver Ames School Fund. In the past few years that condition as construed by the School Department and which construction has been accepted by the Town has been the controlling factor in arriving at the amount of the school appropriation. We have been told that the amount requested was necessary in order to meet the condition of the Oliver Ames bequest and that settled the matter. We have not been told that the appropriation requested was necessary for the efficient conduct of our schools. The result is that our school costs have been constantly rising and many taxpayers have come to believe that this fund has become a burden and is making us wasteful and extravagant. Of course, this fund has been and will continue to be of inestimable benefit to the Town. It is unthinkable that the Town should jeopardize its right to continue to enjoy this fund by any act or failure to act on its part.

This fund was intended to be a benefit to the Town and not a burden. The condition attached to the bequest was intended to act as a spur to induce us to do our share in the matter of raising money by taxation. It was not intended that it should be a rod to scourge us. The reasons why the condition in this bequest has become burdensome in the past few years can be traced directly to the changes made in our system of taxation and to the method of computing the average cost per pupil. The system of taxation with which the donor of this fund was acquainted required the towns to raise money for the support of schools and other municipal expenses by a direct tax on real estate and tangible and intangible personal property. When the income tax on intangibles was established the right to tax this latter kind of property was taken away from municipalities. The result in so far as Easton is concerned was very unfavorable as two-thirds of its valuation was taken away and its share of the income tax does not begin to compensate it for the loss of the right to tax intangibles. Under our present system the receipts of the Town from income tax, school fund, corporation taxes, etc., are deducted from the total appropriations and only the balance is levied as a tax on local real estate and tangible personal property. The Department of Education computes the cost per pupil from local taxation by taking the amount of the appropriation and deducting therefrom the amount of the school reimbursement fund. It then divides the resulting amount by the net average membership. It then assumes that the amount of the school reimbursement is used for school purposes. As a matter of fact this is not done. The amount of the school fund to which the Town is entitled cannot be ascertained at the time the appropriations are made. The figures of the Department of Education are always one year behind. It would seem that the only correct way to compute the cost per pupil from local taxation is to take the proportion of the amount actually raised from a levy on local property which the school appropriation bears to the total appropriations and divide this sum by the net average membership. It is interesting to note how our school appropriation is reflected in our tax rate as compared with other towns. The figures are for the year 1930, the last year for which we have full data:

Expenditures for school support from local taxation per $1,000 valuation

Average for Group 2 Towns of 5,000 population or over (83 towns, including Easton)	$9.53 per $1,000 valuation
Average for the State (cities and towns)	$8.91 per $1,000 valuation
Town of Easton	$14.68 per $1,000 valuation

Only seven towns in this Group 2 raised more per $1,000 valuation than Easton. Easton raised $5.15 per $1,000 valuation more than the avorage of towns in this group, and $5.77 per $1,000 valuation more than the average for the whole State. While there was no doubt as to the meaning of the words "raised by taxation" as they appear in the Oliver Ames bequest, at the time they were written, there is a serious doubt as to their meaning under the present changed conditions. It is of the utmost importance to the Town that we ascertain the exact meaning of the condition in the bequest as applicable to present conditions.

To that end we recommend that a bill for instruction be filed in the Probate Court asking the Court to determine with certainty the obligation of the Town in respect to the Oliver Ames Fund under present conditions. Pending that decision an appropriation sufficient to carry the schools through June on the present basis should be made. Such a decision should be had in ample time to enable us to make an appropriation for the balance of the year at a later meeting. If the threat of the condition contained in the Oliver Ames bequest as now construed can be eliminated, we will be in a position to go about making our appropriations in an intelligent and proper manner. Having in mind that we must always maintain our schools at a proper standard, we should ascertain our needs and make our appropriation in accordance therewith. An examination of the comparative costs of the three divisions of our schools, to wit: Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High Schools discloses that our expenditure per pupil in the elementary schools is below the average for towns in our group; while our expenditure per pupil in the Junior High and Senior High Schools is well above the average for those towns.

EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSIVE OF GENERAL CONTROL

Average for Group 2 (including Easton) Elementary Schools	$ 75.16
Town of Easton Elementary Schools	73.35
Average Group 2 Junior High	99.55
Town of Easton	132.84
Average Group 2 Senior High	127.61
Town of Easton	141.88

The expenses for general control which are excluded from these figures consist of the salaries and expenses of the Superintendents and the expenses of School Committees. These amounted to $5,400.04 in Easton. These figures show that the cost per pupil in our elementary schools is not excessive.

However, an excess of $33.29 per pupil over the average in our Junior High School and an excess of $14.27 per pupil over the average in our Senior High School seems to be unreasonable.

We offer the following suggestions for reducing costs in the Junior-Senior High School:

1. Install, if practicable, a more economical method for supervising study halls;
2. Consolidate sections of classes in courses where the number of pupils receiving instruction at one time is not of major importance;

3. More teaching by principals;
4. Eliminate courses of doubtful value which are not required by law;
5. Necessary supervision to be done by the Superintendent in so far as possible, thus releasing principals for teaching duty.

The largest single item of expense in the conduct of schools is necessarily salaries of teachers. For that reason when the necessity for economy arises the easy answer is cut salaries. But the rate of salaries paid in Easton does not account for excessive costs where such costs appear to be excessive.

In Group II, 83 towns including Easton, we rank as follows in the matter of average of salaries paid to principals and teachers:

Elementary schools (women)	45
Junior High School (men and women)	39
Senior High School (women)	44
Senior High School (men)	28

It will be seen that our rate is below the average for elementary schools and women teachers in the High School. It is but slightly above the average in the Junior High School. We rank well above the average in respect to salaries of men in the High School due no doubt to the fact that the schedule of rates established in 1927 has not been followed. The rate of salaries paid has not affected us so much as the number of salaries paid. It may be that on account of the conditions of the period through which we are passing it will be found necessary to cut salaries but before that is done we should make every possible saving in the administration of our schools consistent with maintaining a proper standard. This can be done by the application of good business principles and common sense. If salaries are cut, the inequalities shown in the foregoing table should be taken into account.

Any readjustment of the administration of our schools must be made by the school committee. It has general charge of our schools and the Town cannot dictate its policy. The only control which the Town can exercise is in choosing of the personnel and controlling the appropriation. A School Committee should be resourceful, capable and willing to think for itself. Of course, it should avail itself of expert advice but it should measure such advice by the standards of common sense and experience. It should never forget that it alone is responsible for its acts and that this responsibility cannot be shifted. Good intentions are not sufficient. The office is an honorable one. Its duties are arduous and its reward is frequently a kick instead of a caress. Service on the committee, however, is not compulsory.

The arrangement between the School Department and the Red Cross and District Nursing Committee in respect to the services of a school nurse was discontinued this year and a full-time school nurse was employed at an added expense. Under the former arrangement these organizations furnished milk for needy children and had a great deal of corrective work done for school children. These benefits have been lost. It may be that the Town should establish its own clinics and not depend on outside agencies. But until the Town is ready to do that, it appears to be a serious error of judgment to discard the advantages we enjoyed by association with the only organizations in Town which are equipped to perform such services efficiently.

The Committee has not had time to examine all the items of school expense.

The Committee sent questionnaires to all the teachers asking their opinions on the matter of supervision and requesting suggestions for the improvement of our schools based on their experience. The answers were very interesting and we take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their response.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. AMES
MILTON I. ANDERSON
EDGAR A. CRAIG
SHELDON B. GOODRICH
CHARLES F. McCARTHY
DAVID J. O'CONNELL

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD BY THE SELECTMEN
as of December 31, 1931

	Principal	Bal. Dec. 31, 1930	Interest 1931	Paid 1931	Bal. Dec. 31, 1931
Nancy B. Buck Fund	200.00	220.23	10.56	10.56	220.23
Josiah Williams Fund	100.00	127.13	6.11	15.00	118.23
Howe Keith-Temperance White Fund	200.00	291.70	13.99	30.00	275.69
Seth L. French Fund	100.00	102.50	4.91	——	107.41

REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE SPECIAL FUND

Original Sum—$500.00.

Balance North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1931	$ 1,560.03	
Interest 1931	74.98	1,635.01
Transferred to Town Treasurer's account	200.00	
Balance North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1932	1,435.01	1,635.01

REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE GENERAL FUND

Original sum turned over to the Town of Easton as shown in Executors' account—$10,685.75

Balance North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1931	11,367.99	
Three Registered Liberty Bonds	3,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	127.00	
Interest on Savings Bank account	547.06	15,042.55
Transferred to Town Treasurer's account	1,242.35	
Balance North Easton Savings Bank, January 1, 1932	10,800.20	
Three Registered Liberty Bonds	3,000.00	15,042.55

We respectfully call your attention to the following excerpt from the will of the said Hiram P. Drake in so far as it relates to cemetery funds held under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen:

> " . . . . and said Town shall thereupon have and hold said fund in Trust for the following uses, purposes and objects: To invest, reinvest and change the investment of said fund and to collect the rents, profits and income therefrom and to apply from time to time the whole or so much of said income as said Town may deem proper to the care, re-

pair and orderly keeping forever of the Burying Grounds or Cemeteries and the graves and monuments therein in said Town of Easton".

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN, Chairman
ALBERT E. WOOD
FRANK C. WADE
Selectmen of Easton.

Cemetery Funds Held by the Town Treasurer

Report of the condition of the various Cemetery Funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer, as of December 31, 1931; and showing changes during the Year 1931.

	Principal	Balance Dec. 31, 1930	Interest, 1931	Paid, 1931	Balance Dec. 31, 1931
Daniel M. Dailey Fund	150.00	157.58	7.55	15.13	150.00
Daniel Belcher Fund	200.00	291.60	13.99	5.59	300.00
Margaret J. Fisher Fund	100.00	124.75	5.96	10.00	120.71
Almira E. Packard Fund	100.00	174.51	8.36	8.36	174.51
Lewis Williams Fund	50.00	121.69	5.82	27.51	100.00
Lothrop & Towne Fund	100.00	109.28	5.25	14.53	100.00
Cyrus Alger Fund	300.00	410.00	19.70	20.25	409.45
Pine Grove Cemetery	1480.65	1517.38	72.92	74.93	1515.37
E. D. & E. H. Williams	150.00	155.09	7.44	12.53	150.00
Elizabeth F. Drake Fund	200.00	279.41	13.42	13.42	279.41
William Erving Fund	100.00	108.33	5.20	——	113.53
S. Olive Drake Fund	243.41	298.81	12.81	4.00	307.62
Robert M. Malloy Lot	100.00	102.50	4.91	——	107.41
Dean Keith Family Lot	100.00	103.00	4.94	7.94	100.00
Archie J. McEntee Lot	100.00	101.25	4.85	——	106.10
Reed Fund	100.00	102.08	4.89	6.97	100.00

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer, Town of Easton.

Summary of Ames Trust Funds Held for the Benefit of the Town of Easton

The following statement is supplied the Town Treasurer by the office of the Trustees, Messrs. John S. Ames and William A. Parker.

As of December 31, 1931

FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EASTON HIGHWAYS

	Book Value	Approximate Market Value	Income Rec. 1931	Income Est. 1932
Original Fund	324,983.10	342,819.00	23,393.17	20,800.00
Permanent Fund	45,433.44	27,513.00	1,108.40	1,108.00
	$370,416.54	$370,332.00	$24,501.57	$21,908.00

FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF EASTON SCHOOLS

	Book Value	Approximate Market Value	Income Rec. 1931	Income Est. 1932
Original Fund	$303,811.62	$320,067.00	$20,789.89	$17,700.00

*TOWN OF EASTON SCHOOLS PERMANENT FUND

Cash on hand January 1, 1931	$3,368.25
Interest on bank balances during 1931	25.03
	3,393.28
Payments to Town for payment of bills approved by School Building Committee	400.00
Balance of cash on hand Dec. 31, 1931	$2,993.28

*This Fund is being liquidated.

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer, Town of Easton

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATISTICS
TOWN OF EASTON
December 31, 1931

ASSETS

Assessed valuations as of April 1, 1931:			
Personal Property		720,780.00	
Real Estate		4,523,055.00	
		5,243,835.00	
Automobiles Year 1931		504,670.00	
Total valuation assessed			$5,748,505.00
Valuation of Tax Exempt Property:			
Real Estate owned by Town of Easton; School Buildings, Infirmary, Barn, etc.		657,000.00	
Real Estate privately owned but exempt; Play Grounds, Library, Churches, etc.		293,000.00	
			$ 950,000.00
Total value all tangible property			$6,698,505.00

LIABILITIES

Outstanding School Bond at 4¼%		135,000.00	
Unpaid anticipation Note	15,000.00		
Cash in Treasury	11,624.86		
		3,375.14	
Total indebtedness			$ 138,375.14

UNCOLLECTED TOWN TAXES

For the Year 1930	1,788.11	
For the Year 1931	39,645.69	
Total outstanding taxes		$41,433.80

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Report of the Finance Committee

In Federal, State, City and Town affairs our tax payers universally seek a reduction in expenses. With this desire your Finance Committee are certainly in hearty accord. We have endeavored to consider this problem with due regard for present day conditions which can not be ignored and which, in some directions, positively and unavoidably contribute, in a measure, to defeat the object toward which we are all striving, namely, reduction in taxes.

Reduction in tax RATE and reduction in TAXES do not always mean the same thing. We can reduce our tax RATE by increasing our valuations and thereby make a record which, on the face of it, appears to be attractive, but does not in itself reduce the taxes. Such a method (which has been frequently followed elsewhere) has not been in effect here. As a whole, the valuations in this town are low. Commonly, far below the selling price of property in normal times. This fact contributes toward a higher tax rate than in other towns which raise their valuations and may be, actually, no more economical than ours.

The substantial items of town expense this year, listed as to totals, rank in the following order: Schools, Roads, Public Welfare, Salaries, Old Age Assistance, Police Department, Public Health and Interest on borrowed money. Any substantial saving in town affairs, exclusive of occasional requirements for large appropriations for non-recurring items must be made somewhere under the eight headings already named.

We will undertake to analyze each in the order named.

SCHOOLS

Your present Finance Committee, and all those who have gone before, have struggled with this problem and have found no way to cut this expense without being in conflict with the provisions under which the Town has been wonderfully benefited by the Oliver Ames bequest.

Our new school buildings were largely built from this fund and the bonds which have been issued will, in a large measure, be retired from the income of this fund. That we should lose this benefit by failing to comply with the requirements is unthinkable.

This bequest was made more than fifty years ago. Times and conditions have changed in ways which could not then be foreseen. Last year, our town attorney, Mr. James F. Burke, suggested that a special committee, including a representative of the Ames family, be appointed to study this question in the hope that a plan might be devised in which the Courts and all parties in interest might be fully agreed and by which the Town might have some control of the limits within which appropriations should be made for the schools. This special committee was duly appointed and its record appears elsewhere in the town report. Until this matter is fully decided, our school appropriations must be made on the old basis.

By suggestion of the special committee referred to, your Finance Committee have recommended that a sufficient appropriation for schools be made at the annual town meeting to cover the regular school requirements until the close of the school year in June. At that time the special committee feels it may be possible that a decision will have been reached and that a special town meeting may then be held to make the school appropriation for the remainder of the year and that it may then be made, having due consideration for the legal decision which may have been reached and for a possible modified basis of expense.

ROADS

It will not do to neglect the maintenance of a proper surface on our tarred roads. Maintenance of other surfaces and repairs are also unavoidable. New extensions of improved roads can be temporarily deferred if the town desires and, within reasonable limits, the road appropriation can be cut. In consideration of present industrial conditions, however, your Finance Committee does not recommend a cut in road appropriations.

During the past year many people in distress have been given temporary employment in this work. Some might have otherwise been necessarily assisted through the department of Public Welfare.

Your Committee believes it to be far wiser to appropriate money to be expended in road improvement, so far as possible assisting the needy unemployed in this way, than to increase the appropriation for public welfare in like measure. Right thinking people want to be given work and not a dole. We believe it is better to pay for work than to pay for enforced idleness.

Your Finance Committee have no feelings in this matter averse to the Town taking contrary action to this report if it deems such a course to be wiser and more expedient.

PUBLIC WELFARE

The same amount as last year is recommended. This is an extremely difficult department to keep within bounds. If it can't be done, the bills will have to be met whether the money is appropriated or not.

Your Finance Committee could cut this amount. The Town can do so if it sees fit. However, if the money is needed it will be used. We can not shut our eyes to the facts nor let our desires run away with our judgement.

We can cut this appropriation now and it will help make a record at this meeting. Your Finance Committee would also like to make a record. We have no desire, however, to attempt to make it on recommendations which are deceptive and untenable.

SALARIES

Your Finance Committee has particularly considered this question from two angles, namely, a percentage cut on everybody or a readjustment which would involve a cut on some and not on others. It is clearly a fact that the most of our town officers are paid salaries which are entirely inadequate when time and trouble are taken into consideration. With rare exceptions, any revision of salaries in these trying times (when every department is abnormally burdened) could not be undertaken without involving a probable net increase in salary costs providing we, as citizens of this Town, intend to be reasonably fair to those who serve us in official capacity.

In one important department of service the labor involved varies considerably. We refer to the legal department for which an appropriation of $600 is annually made for salary of the Town Counsel. Changing groups of duly elected town officers and varying emergency cases have much to do with the labors of the Town Counsel.

Fully appreciating this fact, the present Town Counselor, Mr. James F. Burke, is entirely in accord and, in fact, recommends that such officer, whoever he may be, be paid on a basis of service rendered. Funds must, nevertheless be made available for this purpose and the usual amount is recommended. The expenditure is under the direction of the Selectmen. It may be needed and it may not.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

This is a new problem. State law compels its consideration and specifies the conditions under which it is given.

An expenditure of $8,000 is clearly in sight for 1932 and there is no knowing where it will end. The Town of Foxboro faces an appropriation of $20,000 for this item alone in 1932.

The Town must not only appropriate for this purpose but should give consideration to the law itself and proceed to the end that it may be duly recorded in favor of some plan which will automatically take care of, in an equitable manner, the present or future legal requirements of laws of this character.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Last year the sum of $7,850.00 was raised and appropriated for this department. The proposed budget included the salary of an additional patrolman. The appropriation was made but the question as to whether an additional patrolman be employed or not was not settled by the Town.

The employment of an additional officer was thus left to the discretion of the Selectmen. The additional officer was not employed. Largely on account of this, $1,060.39 of the amount raised and appropriated was unused and has reverted to the general fund.

The 1932 recommendation of your Finance Committee does not contemplate the hiring of an additional officer. If one is desired, the appropriation must be increased, and in such case the Town should specifically require that an additional officer be employed.

PUBLIC HEALTH

This is another department in which it makes no difference how much the Town appropriates. If emergency so requires, additional money will be spent. Your Committee recommends the same as in former years.

INTEREST

The Town is now paying 6½% interest on its borrowed money and it is hard to get at that. Last year it was borrowed for 2½%.

This tells its own story. It is necessary to increase the appropriation. Some law may yet be enacted which will provide for quarterly payments on tax levies and payments would thus be easier for many and the towns would find it unnecessary to borrow such large amounts in anticipation of taxes.

HOW DO WE STAND?

The recommendations as embodied in this report involve INCREASES in Election Expense, $600.00; Interest, $1,500.00; Memorial Day, $10.00; Old Age Assistance, $6,300.00; Old Bills, $1,056.50; Fire Department, $2,900.00; and Registrars of Voters, $125.00 Total (above requirements for 1931) is $12,491.50.

DECREASES are as follows: State Road, $10,500.00; Fire Department, $15,000.00; Park Street, $5,000.00; Road Truck, $2,500.00; Police Department, $1,550.00; Insurance,

$1,200.00; Town Reports, $1,050.00; Schoolhouse Grading, $1,000.00; Land Purchase, $500.00; Soldiers' Relief, $500.00; Police car garage, $250.00; and Town Accountant's Expense, $50.00, a total of $39,100.00. This amount, after subtracting the following increases, leaves a net reduction in proposed appropriations of $26,608.50 for 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. HOWARD, Chairman
EDGAR A. CRAIG, Secretary
THOMAS A. O'CONNOR
E. W. BALDWIN
E. H. WHITE
J. C. HENDERSON
J. B. HOWARD
M. E. REYNOLDS
W. S. RICE
E. HOWARD SMITH
C. B. SWASEY
F. J. McMENAMY
J. C. JOHNSON
N. B. NORSE

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSE RECORDS FOR 1931 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1932

	Recommended for 1932	Appropriated for 1931	Addl. Amts.	Totals Available	Spent in 1931	Unexpended and Refunds to Gen. Fund	Net Amts. used from Direct Taxes
Assessors' Expense	500.00	500.00		500.00	496.93	3.07	496.93
Asst. to Clerk, Treas. and Col.	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
Election Expense	800.00	200.00		200.00	196.75	3.25	196.75
Emergency Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00†					
Fire Department	4,500.00	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,532.04	72.06A	1,527.94
Forest Warden's Salary	300.00	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00
Health Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,190.80B	4,190.80	4,186.22	1,170.29C	3,020.51
Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00
Interest on Notes	3,500.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,477.33	522.67	1,477.33
Incidentals	150.00	150.00	7.19D	157.19	121.48	519.21E	*362.02
Insurance		1,200.00			1,058.26	223.13F	976.87
Legal Expense	600.00	600.00		600.00	600.00		600.00
Moth Department	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.63	2.37	1,997.63
Memorial Day	360.00	350.00		350.00	349.90	.10	349.90
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,448.80	251.20	1,448.80
Police Department	6,300.00	7,850.00		7,850.00	6,789.61	1,415.01G	6,434.99
Pensions	492.00	492.00		492.00	491.04	.96	491.04
Public Welfare	13,500.00	13,500.00	1,788.82H	15,288.82	15,795.58	2,559.46I	12,729.36
Roads	20,000.00	20,000.00	24,680.68K	44,680.68	44,678.77	649.19L	19,504.45
Roads with State (Route 123)		10,500.00	29,500.00M	40,000.00	40,000.00		10,500.00
Registrars of Voters' Expense	250.00	125.00		125.00	66.75	59.25N	65.75
Registrars of Voters' Salaries	225.00	225.00		225.00	225.00		225.00

Rent and Furnishing Town Offices	800.00	800.00		800.00	781.47	18.53	781.47
Schools (to close of June, 1932)	55,472.00	95,335.00	20,789.89O	116,124.89	116,121.01	16,196.04P	79,138.96
Sealer of Weights and Measures	500.00	500.00		500.00	481.77	130.49Q	369.51
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00	2,000.00	229.97R	2,229.97	1,796.82	433.15	1,796.82
Selectmen's Expense	200.00	200.00		200.00	199.49	.51	199.49
State Aid	160.00	160.00		160.00	154.00	150.00S	10.00
Tax Collector's Expense	550.00	550.00		550.00	539.66	639.97T	*89.97
Town Accountant's Expense	75.00	125.00		125.00	40.80	84.20	40.80
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00
Town Clerk's Expense	200.00	200.00	6.50U	206.50	183.98	303.17V	*96.67
Town Infirmary	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,833.46	986.54W	3,013.46
Town Hall	150.00	150.00		150.00	137.20	125.80X	24.20
Town Officers' Salaries	5,825.00	5,825.00		5,825.00	5,825.00		5,825.00
Town Physician	600.00	600.00		600.00	600.00		600.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	250.00	250.00		250.00	249.50	50.	249.50
Tree Department	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,497.63	2.37	2,497.63
Town Reports	500.00	1,550.00		1,550.00	1,544.29	5.71	1,544.29
Center St. Land (at Town Barn)		500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00
Road Truck	1,000.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	864.25	2,635.75	864.25
Fire Apparatus		15,000.00		15,000.00	13,380.50	1,619.50	13,380.50
Police Garage		250.00		250.00			250.00
Park Street		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,986.64	13.36	4,986.64
Previous Unpaid Bills	2,433.42	1,376.92Z					
Grading at High School		1,000.00		1,000.00	988.10	11.90	988.10

A. Incidentals—$4.10 and $67.96 unexpended.
B. $460.80 from old bills appropriation and $730.00 from Emergency Fund.
C. $730.71, State subsidy; $162.50, Bristol County Hospital; $247.00, Lakeville Sanatorium; $25.50, Licenses.
D. $7.19 from old bills appropriation.
E. $2.50, Town history; $481.00, Licenses.
F. $81.39, adjustments and return premiums; $141.74, unexpended; (School property insurance paid from school fund.)
G. $330.62, fines; $14.00, revolver permits; $10.00, traffic signal refunds; $1,060.39 unexpended.
H. $598.82 from old bills appropriation; $1,190 from Reserve Fund.
I. $3,066.22, refunds; less $506.76 overdrawn and to be raised in 1932.
K. $24,501.57 from Ames Fund; $73.64 from old bills appropriation; $25.47, refund on gasolene tax; $80.00, transfer from Emergency Fund.
L. $647.28, miscellaneous refunds; $1.91 unexpended.
M. $4,500 raised in 1930; $15,000 from Commonwealth; $10,000 from County.
N. $1.00, voting lists sold; $58.25 unexpended.
O. $20,789.89 from Ames Fund.
P. $16,192.16, miscellaneous refunds; $3.88 unexpended.
Q. $112.26, fees; $18.23 unexpended.
R. $229.97 from old bills appropriation.
S. $144.00 from State; $6.00 unexpended.
T. $629.63, fees; $10.34 unexpended.
U. $6.50 from old bills appropriation.
V. $280.65, fees; $22.52 unexpended.
W. $820.00, miscellaneous sales; $166.54 unexpended.
X. $113.00, rent; $12.80 unexpended.
Z. $460.80 to Health Department; $7.19 to Incidentals; $598.82 to Public Welfare; $73.64 to Roads; $229.97 to Soldiers' Relief; $6.50 to Town Clerk's Expense; (total, $1,376.92.)

† $730 to Health Department; $1,190 to Public Welfare; $80.00 to Roads; (total. $2,000.)

* Surplus.
See Assessors' Report for additional State, County and Special Taxes.

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

To the Citizens of Easton:

We respectfully submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

During the year 1931 aid was rendered in 77 cases outside of the Town Infirmary, the largest number in the history of Easton. The number is subdivided as follows:

Cases with Easton Settlement residing in Easton	54
Cases living in Easton with settlement elsewhere	11
Cases living in Easton with State settlement	10
Mothers' Aid	2

In addition there are six (6) cases residing outside of the Town for which Easton is responsible on account of Settlement. There is an indebtedness of $1,584.26 owed to the State and other Towns from this Department covering the years 1926 to 1930 inclusive; also the sum of $271.15 for the year 1931, bills having been rendered to this Department after the books for 1931 were closed.

We believe the management of the Infirmary is very satisfactory. At the close of 1931 it had four (4) inmates: 2 males and 2 females.

This Board does not designate the merchants from whom applicants must purchase.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The Old Age Assistance Act which went into effect in July, 1931, was an enactment by our Legislature. The demands upon your Board for old age assistance undoubtedly have been in excess of what was anticipated. At the close of 1931 we were caring for twenty-six (26) cases; three of these being cases living in Easton with settlement elsewhere. The average amount paid Easton cases in 1931 was $16.50 per month to each case.

The appropriation for 1932 will necessarily have to be of a considerable amount to take care of the number that are now receiving assistance.

We have tried to give careful consideration to each case that has come to our attention, having in mind that no aid should be rendered unnecessarily and also that no one who is deserving should suffer from want.

CASES NOT RECEIVING CASH AID

The following merchants received the amounts set opposite their names:

J. O. Dean Co.	$ 228.01
W. E. Kimball	131.58
Kenneth Mitchell	951.65
H. Y. Mitchell Co.	504.98
J. E. Howard & Sons	861.48
McCarthy Coal Co.	443.80
E. W. Ericson	210.53
Alfred Jacobson	15.27
First National Stores	839.57

First National Stores	134.38
Frank McMenamy	1,633.47
Eugene Farrow	15.85
Swift Bros.	394.17
C. J. Harvey & Sons	621.07

Respectfully,

ALBERT E. WOOD, Chairman
JOSEPH W. LINEHAN
FRANK C. WADE

Report of the Board of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Easton:

We respectfully submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

The year 1931 has been, beyond all question, the most depressing period that our Nation, Commonwealth and our own Community has ever experienced.

This Board has endeavored to deal with each case and problem with which it has been confronted purely on the merits of the issue involved.

At the March meeting in 1931, the following appropriations were raised over and above the ordinary years:

Police Garage	$ 250.00
Fire Apparatus	15,000.00
Norton Avenue-Foundry Street Road Construction ($4,500 was raised in 1930	15,000.00
Purchase of land adjacent to Town barn.	500.00
A truck for the Road Department	3,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,700.00
Grading at High School	1,000.00
Park Street (at a special meeting in January, 1931)	5,000.00

These amounts necessarily increased the tax rate for 1931, over which your Board of Selectmen had no more control than any other group of citizens in our community. The amount of money raised at Town Meeting is the determining factor of our Tax Rate.

From the various appropriations over which we had control, we returned to the Town Treasury the following amounts:

Road Department—unexpended on truck	$2,635.75
Police Department	1,086.31
Fire Apparatus (Board of Selectmen were members of the Committee appointed to purchase fire apparatus)	1,619.50
Soldiers' Relief	582.36

In 1930, Easton received $34,870.60 from the State Income Tax as against $27,226.50 in 1931.

In 1930, Easton paid the Commonwealth $6,510.00 as a State Tax and in 1931, $6,975.00.

We quote from a letter addressed to this Board from the Commissioner of Taxation of the Commonwealth as to the outlook for 1932 on the same subjects:

> "The Income Tax that the Town of Easton will receive from the Commonwealth in 1932 will be approximately 20% less than that received in 1931. The Governor has filed his budget and in it he has asked for a $9,000,000 State Tax. Last year the State Tax was $7,500,000. While there will be some slight variation, probably for your purposes if you increase your State Tax of 1931 by 16 2-3% you will have the amount that the Governor now proposes as the State Tax".

We believe that the information contained in the above paragraph should be of interest to the citizens of Easton.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the addition of two new pieces of fire apparatus, namely, a Mack 500-gallon pump engine at South Easton-Eastondale, and also a new Mack ladder truck at North

Easton, we believe our community is as well protected against fire loss as any community of its size in this section.

As members of the committee to purchase fire apparatus, the appropriation being $15,000, two pieces were purchased from the Mack Motors. This also included 1,000 feet of fire hose which is regularly priced in the vicinity of $1.00 per foot, leaving the balance that has already been referred to in this report.

We believe that the two pieces of fire apparatus, having in mind the stability of the company and its demonstration of the apparatus, is the best possible purchase for the money spent that could be secured.

We recommend a sufficient appropriation for this department to cover the running expenses, salaries, etc., of both the South Easton-Eastondale and the North Easton Stations.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

During the past year the following streets have been permanently surfaced:

Prospect Street—Howard Street from Foundry Street to Howard School; approximately 4,250 feet;
Bay Road to the end of the Norton line, 3,000 feet;
Central Street from Depot Street, 2,500 feet;
Holmes Street, 730 feet;
Canton Street from the residence of Mrs. Frank Tufts to the Stoughton line, 1,950 feet;

Day Street, 500 feet. This included the laying of about 450 feet of drain pipe and the installation of 6 catch basins, eliminating a drainage condition that has existed for a considerable period.

A widening has taken place in front of the Post Office in North Easton. Approximately 900 feet were taken to complete this much needed addition for increased traffic efficiency. The entire amount of land taken was gratitiously given to the Town of Easton by the Easton Land Company through its President, Mr. Hobart Ames.

Day Street, as already referred to, has been widened as far as the confines of the Town boundaries would allow. In addition, at the corner of Day and Sheridan Streets, a widening was made and the land taken was given to the Town by Mrs. Bertha Myers. Approximately 124 square feet was taken for this purpose.

Manuel Santos gave approximately 765 square feet of his land on Day Street; and Mrs. Augustus McNamara gave approximately 540 square feet to widen the corner at the junction of Day and Sheridan Streets, thereby eliminating one of the most narrow intersections in Easton.

We know that all of these donors have the heartfelt appreciation of their fellow citizens, and we take this opportunity, in behalf of the citizens of Easton and of this Board, to express our sincere appreciation for these civic betterments.

Park Street was constructed during 1931; a much needed highway on the southerly end of Frothingham Memorial Park.

Attention of this Board was early called to the requirements of Chapter 149, section 26 of the General Laws, which in substance is as follows:

> In the employment of mechanics, teamsters and laborers in the construction of public works by the Commonwealth, or by a county, town or district, or by persons contracting therewith for such construction, PREFERENCE SHALL be given to citizens of the Commonwealth, who have served in the Army or Navy of the United States in time of War and have

been honorably discharged therefrom or released from active duty therein.

This section most certainly excludes employees who are not citizens. The Board regrets that three employees who had been connected with the department for a long period of time necessarily had to be dispensed with.

The pay-roll in December, 1930, showed 22 employees as against 36 in 1931. This increase was due to the establishment of a five-day week, due to the unprecedented demand for work on this department by citizens out of employment, chiefly married men with families.

No new equipment was purchased during the year except what was actually needed for the efficient running of the department. We tried as far as possible to make as much of the appropriation go towards wages as was consistent with the work that was accomplished.

Several trees that this Board considered dangerous to traffic have been eliminated, namely, on the curve on Pond Street entering from Main, on Canton Street beyond Picker Lane, and the tree on Main Street in front of Reed's Drug Store.

A catch basin has been installed on Main Street east of Williams Street. Three catch basins have been rebuilt on Sheridan Street, eliminating a drainage condition.

The car tracks have been surfaced from the Water Fall to the end of the line at Centre Street, tending to make the highway through the narrow section of Main Street much smoother.

The gravel roads were scraped continually when the weather permitted, thereby keeping these roads in as good condition as possible.

During the past year, brush on the sides of our roads has caused considerable attention and a great deal of time was necessarily given to the work of removing it from the sides of our highways.

The Norton Avenue-Foundry Street construction contract was completed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth acting as engineer. The contract was awarded to Arute Bros., the lowest of 16 bidders, for $36,208, covering a distance of 7,720 feet commencing at the Norton line. The highest bid was $50,127.77. The remaining distance, approximately 2,000 feet from the cut-off to Binney's corner was completed within the original appropriation. It was thought that this remaining distance would have to be paid for out of regular road appropriation.

The Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth has called our attention to the necessity of installing an automatic traffic signal at Algers corner. The Governor's Committee on Highway Safety also recommends the installation of a traffic signal at this point. Inasmuch as Foundry Street crossing the State Highway at this point, is a town way, the Town would have to bear one-half of the cost of installation. The total cost should not exceed $2,000. The proportion the Town should bear would not exceed $1,000.

We feel that on the whole the work accomplished by the highway department for 1931 compares favorably with that done in previous years having the same appropriation with which to work.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Board does not measure the success of the Police Department by the number of arrests made. It gives more consideration to the order maintained and the esteem and respect it is held in by our citizens.

The successful functioning of this department depends to a great degree on the attitude of the personnel of the department itself. In the opinion of this Board, three regularly employed officers should constitute a sufficient force for our community, at least for the present. Our Town as a whole is as law-abiding a municipality as there is in the entire Commonwealth. The cases prosecuted by this department consist, in a large degree, to traffic violations. Not many of these cases involved are serious offenses.

Since the adoption of the Civil Service as it pertains to this department, two successful applicants passed a competitive examination held for the appointment of an officer to our police force. This was the third examination held since the adoption of Civil Service and the first time that any applicants have qualified. The officer appointed passed with the highest mark of those taking the examination and is the only member of our police force that has qualified under Civil Service competition.

The actual police work of this department has been left entirely to the Chief of Police. He has been at liberty at all times to send his men to any section of the Town that he deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN, Chairman
ALBERT E. WOOD
FRANK C. WADE
Selectmen of Easton

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL
REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

And the Forty-Sixth from the office of the

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF EASTON

MASSACHUSETTS

INCORPORATED. 1725.

For the Year Ending December 31,
1931

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary L. Howard, Chairman
Purchase Street, South Easton
Telephone 128-5 Term expires March, 1933

Arthur F. Anderson 15A Mechanic Street, North Easton
Telephone 454 Term expires March, 1934

Heman Howard 42 Center Street, North Easton
Telephone 382 Term expires March, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gilbert C. Mann

Residence, 12 Columbus Ave., North Easton Telephone 537
Office, Oliver Ames High School Building Telephone 17

CLERK

Mildred L. Johnson

Residence, 266 Washington St., No. Easton Telephone 155

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Educational and employment certificates written at the office only.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert B. Porter 5 Day Street, North Easton, Tel. 27

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace M. Murch, R. N.

Residence, 6 Pond Street, North Easton	Telephone 732-3
Office, Oliver Ames High School Building	Telephone 17

Office Hours: 8:15 to 8:35 a. m. and 1:00 to 1:15 p. m.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Alfred H. Dahlborg
209 Main Street, North Easton, Telephone 346

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 4, 1932, to February 19, 1932
Spring Term	February 29, 1932, to April 15, 1932
Summer Term	April 25, 1932, to June 24, 1932
Fall Term	Opens September 7, 1932

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

High School Building, first Monday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

OLIVER AMES JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'ntm't	Years of Experience
Gilman H. Campbell	Principal Problems of Democracy	Bowdoin College, A. B. Harvard Graduate School of Education, M. Ed.	1927-9	27
Mary F. Conley	Ass't Principal Mathematics	Easton Training ***Boston University	1896-9	35
Margaret E. Dolan	Head Com'l Dept.	Salem Normal Boston University Summer School	1926-1	11
Mary L. Dolan	††Drawing	Mass. School of Art, B. S.	1929-9	5
Clara A. Drake	English	Easton Training ***Bridgewater Normal Hyannis (Summer)	1918-9	37
Arthur L. Gemme	†††Physical Education	***Northland College Springfield College, B. P. E. Springfield College, M. P. E.	1931-1	8
**Eleanor I. Hartling	Household Arts	Framingham Normal, B. S. ***Boston University	1930-9	2
Kathleen R. Kelleher	History	Bridgewater Normal, B. S. Simmons College (Summer)	1928-9	3

Mildred V. Mara	†Music	Lowell Normal American Institute of Normal Methods Boston University (Summer)	1926-9	5
*Charles E. MacLeod	Practical Arts	Boston City Training Course for Teachers of Mechanic Arts ***Boston University	1931-9	0
Helen G. Murray	Latin Mathematics	Tufts College, A. B. ***Boston University	1931-9	3
Margaret M. Murphy	Commercial	Boston University, B. S. S.	1931-9	4
Norman N. Nevins	History	Bowdoin College, A. B. Bates Summer School ***Boston University	1929-9	5
Barbara Nickerson	English	Univ. of New Brunswick, A. B. ***Univ. of London (England) Univ. of Maine, Summer School	1928-9	9
Astrid Norling	Physical Education Hygiene	Keene Normal School Boston University, B. S. Posse School of Phys. Ed. Harvard Medical School (Summer) New York University (Summer)	1927-9	8
Agnes E. Osgood	Head English Dept.	Colby College, A. B. Middlebury College (Summer)	1930-9	5
Hilda F. Ramsay	History Spelling Penmanship	Madawaska Training School (Me.) Aroostook State Normal (Maine) ***Castine Normal (Maine)	1930-3	6

Leon A. Regan	Science	Mass. Agricultural College, B. S. ***Boston University	1927-9	6
Mildred H. Shurtleff	Mathematics Guidance	Bridgewater Normal	1920-9	13
Robert N. Taylor	Sub-Master Science	Northeastern Univ., B. Ch. E. Harvard Summer School	1924-9	7
Margaret C. Trefethen	Commercial	Boston University, B. S. S. Harvard Summer	1928-9	4
Henrietta Winchester	French	Salem Normal ***Cornell University ***Boston University McGill University (Summer) Univ. of Toulouse, France (Summer)	1893-9	39

NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Jessie A. Dix	Principal	Salem Normal	1931-9	27
Mary V. Harvey	6	Bridgewater Normal ***Boston University	1922-9	10
Mary A. O'Connell	5 and 6	Bridgewater Normal Hyannis Summer Normal Boston University Summer School	1898-1	33½
Dorothy S. Marshall	5	Plymouth Normal School (N. H.) ***Boston University	1929-1	4½
Johanna G. McFadden	4	Bridgewater Normal ***Boston University	1922-9	9
Mabel M. Leach	3	Easton Training ***Boston University	1904-3	30
Astrid Nyquist	2 and 3	Bridgewater Normal ***Hyannis Normal Boston University, Summer	1928-9	4
Mildred J. O'Connor	2	Framingham Normal School	1929-1	3
Louise E. Canegaly	1	Easton Training Hyannis Summer School	1904-9	27
Ruby L. Barrows	1	Symond's Kindergarten	1902-4	30
*Doris W. Leach	Kindergarten	***Emerson College Perry Kindergarten Normal	1926-9	5
Letitia Bird	Special Class	Easton Training Harvard Summer	1896-9	35

SOUTH EASTON SCHOOL

Sadie L. Hurst	Principal 5 and 6	Easton High School	1920-9	25
Martha C. Johnson	3 and 4	Bridgewater Normal	1930-9	1
Anabelle P. Newman	1 and 2	Manchester City Training	1920-2	22

EASTONDALE SCHOOL

Florence M. Harris	3 and 4	Farmington Normal (Me.) Hyannis Summer School	1929-9	5½
Lyle E. Hood	1 and 2	Plymouth Normal (N. H.) Univ. of Vermont Summer School	1929-9	5

UNION SCHOOL

Caroline D. Belcher	1 to 3	***Bridgewater Normal Hyannis Summer School	1921-9	18
Roberta M. Kellogg	4 to 6	Danbury Normal (Conn.) ***Boston University	1927-9	5

UNIONVILLE SCHOOL

Edith V. Goff	1 to 5	Taunton High School Hyannis Summer School	1922-9	13

POQUANTICUT SCHOOL

Mary C. Gleason	1 to 4	Bay Path Institute ***Teachers College of Univ. of California	1930-9	7

SUBSTITUTE

Mary E. Williams	Bridgewater Normal ***Boston University

JANITORS

Alfred H. Dahlborg	Junior-Senior High School	1924-11
Willard F. Burt	Junior-Senior High School	1930-9
John J. Stanton	North Easton Grammar School	1930-2
Thore Pearson	South Easton School	1923-9
Everett A. Dunn	Union School	1928-8
Dexter Ewell	Eastondale School	1930-5
Harry A. Smith	Unionville School	1917-9
George M. Buck	Poquanticut School	1924-12

*Paid in full by Oakes Ames Fund.
**Paid in part by Oakes Ames Fund.
***Attended without graduating.

†Also Supervisor of Music.
††Also Supervisor of Drawing.
†††Also Supervisor of Physical Education.

SCHEDULE OF "NO SCHOOL" SIGNALS

Signal: 2-2-2 on fire alarm system.

7:45 a. m.—No session at Junior-Senior High School for the day.

8:00 a. m.—No session in outside schools for the day.

No session at North Easton Grammar School for the morning.

12:45 p. m.—No session at North Easton Grammar School in the afternoon.

Annual Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Easton:

The School Committee herewith submits the one hundred and fourth Annual Report:

THE AMES BEQUESTS

The history of public education in Easton since 1878 has been markedly influenced by the Oakes Ames Fund and the Oliver Ames Fund. A study of the various school reports of the years since that date decisively emphasizes this fact. One gathers from these reports that prior to that time Easton had scarcely kept pace with the progressive towns of the Commonwealth in educational matters.

The influence of the Oakes Ames Fund in providing additional school advantages, for the children of North Easton and to a considerable extent to all children of the town in their junior and senior high school years, has been continuous from the first year that its income was available. For many years this fund financed magazine subscriptions and free lectures, and paid salaries of teachers of special subjects such as woodworking, sewing, cooking and drawing. Throughout the period of the fund's existance about $3,500.00 has been available annually for expenditure. In these days of diminished value of the dollar and consequent higher salaries, $3,500.00 does not make so big a showing as it did in the eighties and nineties, but we are still paying the salaries of the teachers of woodworking and kindergarten, and part of the salaries of two others, from this fund. From 1897 until 1924 the children actually benefited more from the Oakes Ames Fund than from the Oliver Ames Fund, as the following paragraphs will show.

From 1879 through the year 1895 the annual school reports show that the town lived up to the conditions of the Oliver Ames Bequest. At about the latter year the Oliver Ames High School building was erected, and in the report of the School Committee dated February 10, 1896, for the first time since the Oliver Ames Bequest became available, no mention is made of meeting its conditions. Since that year's budget was larger by several hundred dollars than that of 1895, (the additional amount being required to meet added expenses caused by the use of the new high school), it is likely that the conditions of the bequest were met that year. From 1896 until 1924, we find no reference to the town's obligation in meeting the requirements of the Bequest. It is evident that the town for many years did not meet the requirements, and, perhaps unconsciously, used the income of the fund to reduce taxes rather than to carry out the wishes of the donor for improved educational advantages for the children of the town.

In 1924 we find the trustees of the fund notifying the School Committee that "unless the condition is remedied this year the terms of the will must be met, by which we forfeit one-half of the bonds . . . . "

We quote two paragraphs from the 1924 Report of the School Committee, which was written probably in January, 1925, and which was distributed to the voters just prior to the annual town meeting in March, 1925:

> "A matter of importance requiring consideration at this time is the impending loss of one-half of the Oliver Ames Bequest. In 1877 the sum of $50,000.00 was left in trust to the town of Easton for school purposes. . . . . It was the intention of the donor that this money should be used to make the schools of Easton better than those of other towns in Massachusetts.

> "Accordingly, the bequest stipulates that Easton, to be eligible, must raise by taxation an amount per pupil equal to the average amount per pupil raised the year previous by all the towns in the state. Easton has not been raising the required amount. In 1923 we were $8.57 per pupil less than the average. In fact Easton raised $1.09 per pupil less than the average of the smallest one hundred and twenty-five towns in the state with populations ranging from 73 to 4,000. The trustees of the will have notified the School Committee that unless the condition is remedied this year the terms of the will must be met, by which we forfeit one-half of the bonds with an income of approximately $3,400.00. Once this is done, the bonds can never be regained. . . ."

The School Committee which submitted this report was John S. Ames, Chairman, Miss Doris B. Morse and George W. Coulie. Carlon E. Wheeler was superintendent of schools. The appropriation from town funds made in March of that year (1925) was $89,122.50. In 1924 the town appropriated $82,000.00 for schools, but according to the statement of the School Committee of that year, and to the implied understanding of the trustees of the fund, that figure did not satisfy the conditions of the Bequest.

The figures below show the annual appropriations for schools made at the March town meetings since 1924:

TABLE I

March, 1925	$89,122.50	
March, 1926	87,908.00	
March, 1927	92,315.00	
March, 1928	89,827.00	
March, 1929	92,496.00	
March, 1930	93,761.00	
March, 1931	95,335.00	
March, 1932	92,454.00	(requested)

Beginning in 1925, the Oliver Ames Fund has been influencial in increasing educational opportunities to Easton children in two ways:

1. The town has had to appropriate the same amount per pupil for school support as other towns (not cities) have averaged to appropriate each year. This the town did not do for many years prior to 1925.
2. The income from the fund itself has increased markedly, (from $6,777.24 in 1924 to $20,789.89 in 1931). Since 1929, $8,000.00 per year of the income from the fund has been used to pay interest on and retirement of school bonds.

Reference to the table above showing annual appropriations for schools will show that the increased cost to the town of its school department has not been excessive since 1925. The expenditures of the school department have increased rather rapidly but this was made possible through the increased income of the Oliver Ames Bequest and not from greatly increased appropriations from the taxpayers' pockets. The following tabulation shows income from the Oliver Ames Bequest beginning in 1925:

TABLE II

1925	$ 7,349.03	
1926	8,467.92	
1927	12,754.07	
1928	13,720.43	
1929	11,355.69	plus $8,000.00 for bonds
1930	13,442.57	plus $8,000.00 for bonds
1931	12,789.89	plus $8,000.00 for bonds

The figures in Table I do not show net cost to the local taxpayers as state reimbursement and school department receipts (all of which go into the General Fund of the town), reduce the net cost to the taxpayers by $14,000.00 or more per year.

The two Ames Bequests have enabled the children of Easton to have many school advantages that the town would otherwise be unable to provide them. The taxpayer should realize that this is done at a cost per pupil to the town no greater and no less than the average expended per pupil by all of the towns (not cities) of the state; that as other towns begin to reduce appropriations for support of public education, Easton will, in meeting the conditions of the Oliver Ames Fund, automatically follow suit to exactly the same degree; and that these Bequests were left to the town, not to be used as means of reducing taxes, but to give the youth of the town better educational facilities than could otherwise be afforded. They should also realize that if the town fails to meet the conditions of the Bequest in 1932, one-half of the fund is forever lost to the town, about $9,800.00 estimated this year. The present business depression is temporary, but the loss of the Oliver Ames Bequest would be permanent.

Easton is extremely fortunate to be able, through the aid of the above bequests, to maintain well equipped science laboratories, domestic science for girls, manual training for boys, physical education for every pupil in town, a commercial department from which pupils who avail themselves of that course find lucrative positions at graduation, art and music supervisors and a college preparatory department with the certificate privilege with all colleges which are associated with the New England College Entrance Certificate Board and with independent colleges like Harvard, Dartmouth, Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and others.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

For years the salaries of Easton teachers had been lower than that of surrounding cities and towns. In 1927 an additional sum being received from the Ames Bequest, the salary maximum was raised. By so doing Easton has been able to retain its teachers for a longer period thus giving our pupils the benefit of this experience. Formerly, Easton schools were merely a training school for surrounding cities and towns. Can we not at least live up to the average?

SCHOOL NURSE

Health is the chief fundamental of life, particularly health of school children. Prior to September, 1931, a part time nurse was hired for Easton schools. After studying the situation thoroughly the Committee felt convinced that a full-time nurse could be employed at a slight additional expense, thus giving the pupils the benefit of a well defined health program.

Classroom work which is an important factor, individual supervision, and closer contact with homes will eventually prove a full-time school nurse to be an advantage to the community in health work.

Miss Grace Murch, a graduate of and supervisor at the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, was elected to commence her duties at the opening of schools in September. Miss Murch has studied school nursing at Hyannis Normal School and has had a wide field of experience.

MISS MARY A. STONE

"Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven
forever in the work of the world."

On May 14, 1931, the people of the town were sadly grieved to learn of the passing of Miss Mary A. Stone. Miss Stone had been an Easton teacher in the schools for forty-three years and for many years was principal of North Easton Grammar School.

She was a graduate of Easton High School (1884) and Bridgewater Normal School (1887). She was a native of Easton and we were justly proud of her achievements.

The fact that she was sincerely devoted to her work and energetic and ever faithful in the performance of her duties placed her as an outstanding figure in the profession. The influence over the youth with which a teacher of Miss Stone's type comes in contact leaves an elevating impression which is apparent for generations to come. We sincerely regret her passing.

MR. MAITLAND C. LAMPREY

On November 6 occurred the death of Maitland C. Lamprey, at the age of 93 years. Mr. Lamprey was principal of the Oliver Ames High School from 1877 until 1901,—a period of twenty-four years. Mr. Lamprey was a graduate of Dartmouth College. His scholarly mind and force of character well fitted him for his work in Easton. He kept up to the last his interest in and love for the Oliver Ames High School, and followed the enlargement of the high school building with much interest. His forcefulness, scholarship and strength of character made its impression on all his pupils, and won for him a high place in their affection.

MISS JESSIE A. DIX

In August the Committee selected Miss Jessie A. Dix principal of the North Easton Grammar School to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Mary A. Stone. Miss Dix, a graduate of Salem Normal School, came to Easton schools highly recommended, with twenty-seven years of teaching experience. Previous to her connection with this school department she has held positions in Lynn, Revere, Melrose and Walpole.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Most modern schools encourage systematic saving of money by school children. Teaching children to become familiar with banking procedure and to form habits of thrift in early years, is highly commendable. Several banks, including local, have been approached with the view of having them cooperate with Easton schools in establishing a system of savings but nothing definite has been accomplished up to the present time.

REPAIRS

The table below summarizes the repair work done to school buildings in 1931.

	Repairs		Furniture &	New	Permanent
Schools	Exterior	Interior	Furnishings	Equipment	Improvement
Junior-Senior High	$ 386.25	$1,199.60	$ 216.78	$1,011.72	$ 240.15
North Easton Grammar	515.80	236.71	......	34.50	85.88
South Easton	13.53	83.93	5.55	......	......
Union	154.37	45.87	1.00	......	20.00
Eastondale	8.75	35.71	......	......	100.75
Unionville	117.85	14.81	......	......	21.76
Poquanticut	13.02	110.83	233.25	......	......
Center	......	......	......	......	49.17
Outside Schools	......	......	......	21.70	......
Total	$1,209.57	$1,727.46	$ 456.58	$1,067.92	$ 517.71

The exteriors of the Union School and of the Unionville School were painted during the summer, as was the wood trim of the original parts of the Oliver Ames High School and North Easton Grammar School buildings. New desks and chairs for pupils were furnished for| the Poquanticut School. The walls and ceilings of rooms 4 and 10 at the North Easton Grammar School were refinished as were the east entrance hallway and the boys locker room in the original part of the Oliver Ames High School. The heater at the Poquanticut School was reset and partially rebuilt at an expense of $105.00.

The exterior of the South Easton School should be painted, and the classrooms and basement should be refinished as soon as funds permit.

THE 1932 BUDGET

The budget as outlined below meets the requirements of the Oliver Ames Bequest. The budget is smaller by some $4,500.00 than the budget of the previous year. This reduction is due in part to an estimated drop of $1,842.00 in the income of the Oliver Ames School Fund and in part to a smaller number of pupils in net average membership during the school year 1930-31. The net average membership is used in determining the amount needed to meet the conditions of the Ames Bequest. While there was a drop in net average membership in the schools during the school year 1930-31 (1,033 as compared to 1,051 in the school year 1929-30) there has been a marked increase in total enrollment during the present school year, (1,127 on October 1, 1931, compared to 1,091 on the corresponding date of 1930). Note that the net average membership is the average membership minus the tuition pupils, and that average membership is always lower, in practice, than the total enrollment.

As a consequence the town will be asked to appropriate, if the conditions of the Ames Bequest are met, $92,454.00 in 1932 for schools, compared to $95,335.00 in 1931, or a decrease of $2,881.00.

The annual Report of the State Department of Education shows that the net average cost per pupil in all of the towns (not cities) of the state increased 57 cents for the school year 1930-31 over the school year 1929-30. The depression had not made itself felt in time to influence school organization in September, 1930, sufficiently to reduce expenditures throughout the state for public education. Next year's State Report will undoubtedly show a marked decrease in such expenditures, and unless offset by an increased enrollment the amount that the town of Easton would have to raise in 1933 to meet the Ames Bequest conditions will show another drop.

BUDGET, 1932

	Expended 1931		Needed 1932	
General Control		$ 1,705.85		1,819.00
School Committee:				
Travelling Exp.	$ 20.68		$ 35.00	
Office Expense	96.19		125.00	
Telephone	90.77		110.00	
Superintendent's Expense:				
Travelling Expense	186.21		220.00	
Super. of Attendance	178.00		185.00	
Clerk	1,134.00		1,144.00	
Supervisors' Expense		86.82		125.00
Salaries—All		70,357.03		68,564.00
Textbooks		1,846.62		800.00
Supplies for Instruction		3,954.02		3,000.00
Operating Expenses		12,069.73		12,343.00

Janitors' Wages	6,086.59		6,293.00	
Fuel	3,751.33		4,000.00	
Janitors' Supplies	746.79		650.00	
Water	253.87		260.00	
Electricity	1,095.39		1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	135.76		140.00	
Maintenance		3,393.61		2,004.00
Repairs	2,937.03		1,204.00	
Furniture and Furnishings	456.58		800.00	
Health		2,011.61		2,534.00
Salary of Physician	600.00		600.00	
Salary of Nurse	1,100.00		1,534.00	
Transportation	186.06		300.00	
Supplies	77.49		50.00	
Miscellaneous	48.06		50.00	
Transportation		8,980.35		9,640.00
Tuition		362.57		500.00
Sundries		1,767.17		2,425.00
Teachers' Convention	76.30		75.00	
Graduation	72.52		75.00	
General	74.62		125.00	
Insurance	1,543.73		2,150.00	
Outlay		1,585.63		300.00
Permanent Improvement	517.71		100.00	
New Equipment	1,067.92		200.00	
		$108,121.01		$104,054.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

A. 1931

Appropriation, Town Meeting, March, 1931		$ 95,335.00
Receipts, Oliver Ames Fund, 1931	$20,789.89	
Set aside for payment of interest and retirement of bonds	8,000.00	
Available for school expenses		12,789.89
Total Receipts		$108,124.89
Total Expenditures		108,121.01
		$ 3.88

B. Total amount requested in 1932		$104,054.00
Estimated from Oliver Ames Fund	$19,600.00	
To be set aside for payment of interest and retirement of bonds	8,000.00	
Available for routine expenses		11,600.00
Net appropriation requested		$ 92,454.00

C. In 1931 the following sums were received by the Town:

General School Fund	$ 11,137.50
Tuition of State Wards and Nonresident Pupils	3,521.17
Supplies sold, telephone toll calls, etc.	323.23
State Reimbursement, Trade School and Continuation School Tuition for school year 1930-31	28.90
	$ 15,010.80

It is not economy to dodge issues. Transportation will always be an important factor in our school expenses, since our high school is not centrally located. One part of the town should not be favored more than another, as would be the case if school transportation were reduced. All taxpayers support the school program, and much of our appropriation is paid for transportation. It was necessary, beginning in September, to run a third bus from South Easton to the high school, due to the increased number of pupils of junior and senior high school age in that part of the town.

Rural districts are very essential and should not be discounted. George Washington whose 200th birthday we celebrate next month said, "Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man." Ninety percent of our presidents were rural boys. Let us, as a town, bind ourselves firmly together for the good of the children, because the child of today is the citizen of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY L. HOWARD, Chairman
ARTHUR F. ANDERSON
HEMAN HOWARD

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Easton:

It is my privilege to submit to you the forty-sixth annual report from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and the seventh in the series prepared by the present writer. Along scholastic lines, this report will chronicle a year of the most satisfying achievement since my connection with the school system of the town. This statement is not an assertion of opinion, but is a deduction made from the results of objectively scored standard tests. The year has also witnessed accomplishments in the field of health education, and the school year ending June 30 was the first full year of school in which the facilities of our new classrooms were available.

OUR FAITH IN EDUCATION

The faith of the American people in education is everywhere evident. Appropriations for the running expenses of the schools and for new buildings and equipment are visable manifestations of this faith. Even in a period of great business depression, the towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the school year ending on June 30th last expended a few cents per pupil more for public education than in the preceding school year. The stress of the depression period will of course make itself felt in school expenditures throughout the State during the present school year, and reasonable curtailments will be in order. The future welfare of the present generation of school children must not be permanently injured, however, by any drastic reduction in their school opportunities. Easton has done its part in the past, and with the help of the two Ames Bequests has been able to provide its youth with educational facilities of greater breadth than most other towns of its size can afford. Easton is not a town of high valuation in taxable property, and the continuance of a high grade educational system in the town is largely dependent on the income from the Ames Bequests.

Someone has said that in the learning environment set up in our schools lies the future of our nation. A government of the people by the people cannot succeed without a literate constituency. This fact has been amply demonstrated by world history. The learning environment, however, is to a very large extent dependent upon the classroom teachers. Our classrooms must have adequately trained teachers who are imbued with the spirit of service,—whose devotion to the cause of education goes much deeper than the financial remuneration demands. If teaching attracts such persons, the welfare of our country is secure.

EASTON TEACHERS

The old adage, "As is the teacher, so is the school", is just as true today as it ever was. Our teachers today are much better trained than was the case a generation ago, and standards for admission to the teaching profession are constantly being raised. For example, all of the Massachusetts State Normal Schools today require the completion of a three-year course of study for the granting of a normal school diploma, where formerly only two years were necessary. This not only increases the amount of training of the prospective teacher, but it also gives her an added year of maturity. A similar situation, though perhaps to a lesser degree, exists in the field of high school teachers. A master's degree today is becoming more and more a not uncommon possession of the high school teacher. Such a degree represents the equivalent, at least, of a year's study beyond the bachelor's degree. A glance at the early pages of this report will show that with very few exceptions our Easton teachers have done studying of post-graduate grade since the completion of their normal school or college courses.

At least six members of the junior-senior high school staff have had the advantage of European travel. All but two of this group of twenty-two teachers have had three or more years of teaching experience. Of the two exceptions, one has taught two years, and the other is teaching his first year after fifteen years of trade experience. The average teaching experience of the twenty-two junior-senior high school teachers is eleven years, and the median experience is six years.

In the group of twenty-one elementary teachers, all but two have had four or more years of teaching experience, and one of the two exceptions has taught three years, while the other has taught one year. The average teaching experience of this group is fifteen years, and the median experience is ten years.

The facts presented above show that Easton's school children are, in general, taught by mature, experienced, well trained teachers. I doubt if this fact is fully appreciated by most of Easton's citizens.

Another factor worthy of our consideration is the number of years our teachers stay in their Easton positions. The elementary and junior high school teachers have always been a relatively stable group. The senior high school teachers, on the contrary, change positions more frequently. In 1925, when schools opened in September, only four of the high school teachers of the preceding year returned, and of these four one resigned in January of that school year. In September, 1930, on the other hand, all but two of the teachers of the preceding year returned, (one of them resigning in February, however). Similarly, in September, 1931, all but three of the senior high school staff of the preceding year returned.

Thus not only is our teaching staff becoming progressively more mature, more experienced and better trained, but our teachers are staying longer in their Easton positions. These are all factors which make the work of the teachers more efficient and which make the children's educational opportunities more valuable. It is no longer true that our high school and many of our grade positions are training schools for the larger communities.

TEACHER CHANGES IN 1931

The following teachers resigned during the year 1931: Miss Lucy A. Money to be married, Miss Inez Durgin to be married, Miss Elizabeth Sweeney to teach in the high school at Framingham, Mr. Howard A. Tozier to teach in the high school at Hingham, and Mr. Walter H. Warriner to teach in a high school in Quincy.

Miss Hilda Ramsay was transferred from the Union School to the Junior High School in September, to fill the vacancy created by Miss Money's resignation. Miss Roberta Kellogg was transferred from the North Easton Grammar School to the Union School, (this transfer having been made possible by the decision of the School Committee to operate only one special class during the present school year). Miss Helen Murray, a graduate of Tufts College (Jackson) and a teacher for the past three years in the Acton High School, was engaged to take the place vacated by Miss Durgin. Miss Margaret Murphy of North Easton succeeded Miss Sweeney. Miss Murphy is a graduate of the College of Practical Arts and Letters of Boston University, with four years of teaching experience, the last three of which were in the Norwich (Conn.) Free Academy. Mr. Charles MacLeod of North Easton was engaged as instructor in the Practical Arts shop, to succeed Mr. Warriner. While he came to the position with no previous class room experience, Mr. MacLeod has had extensive practical experience and earlier in life had prepared for a teaching position in manual training. Arthur L. Gemme joined the teaching staff in February, taking the place of Mr. Tozier as supervisor of physical education. Mr. Gemme has had an extensive experience in teaching and boy scout work. Jessie A. Dix assumed her duties as principal of the North Easton Grammar School in September. Miss Dix has had wide experience as elementary teacher and principal. The position which she fills was made vacant on May 14, 1931, by the death of Miss Mary A. Stone. Miss Stone had been a teacher and principal in the Easton schools for forty-three years, and gave a quality of service to the children of Easton seldom achieved in the teaching profession.

THE WORK OF SPECIAL SUPERVISORS

The teaching of music and art in the public schools is not a new departure from common practice. Nevertheless the importance of these subjects and their possibilities in influencing child development are not generally appreciated. The purpose of teaching music in the public schools is not to produce musicians, and the aim of art instruction is not the production of artists.

MUSIC. The understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of good music are the fundamental aims of teaching children music. The invention of the victrola and later the radio have made possible a much broader type of instruction, especially along appreciation lines, than was possible a quarter of a century ago. Our pupils in the grades and junior high school are, I believe, receiving excellent instruction in music along the lines indicated above. We employ a full-time music teacher who spends approximately one-half of her time teaching music in the junior high school classes, and the remainder of her time as music supervisor in the grades.

ART. Like music, art instruction in the public schools aims chiefly at appreciation,—appreciation of the beautiful in nature and in the artificial environment. Knowledge of harmony in color and design is of unmeasured value in the life of the individual when we consider such matters as personal dress, home furnishing, etc. We may costume ourselves in good taste or otherwise, according to our ability to appraise that which is harmonious; but none will deny the fact that the individual who lacks the ability to dress in good taste is handicapped in the competition of the social and commercial world. We may equip our houses with furnishings that are well designed and appropriate, or otherwise, according to our ability to judge; but few will deny that, other things being equal, the home which is attractive offers the greater influence on the ideals, attitudes and character in general, of the adult or the child who lives there. Commercial art has a greater place in our lives than most of us realize, but the schools are interested in this phase of the subject primarily from the consumer's point of view. Our schools employ an art teacher who is a graduate of the four-year course at the Massachusetts School of Art. About one-half of her time is spent in teaching junior high school art classes, while most of the remainder of her time is spent as art supervisor in the grades.

It is a matter of regret that more cannot be done with music and art in the senior high school, but the various curricula as at present organized do not leave much time for this work, except as extra curricular activities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION. Section 1 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth requires that physical education among other subjects, shall be taught in the public schools. The specific wording regarding this subject is "indoor and outdoor games and athletic exercise". Since 1924 such work has been carried on in Easton schools. The late Dr. Inglis of Harvard University wrote as follows: "When the course in physical training is properly combined with other phases of education especially as the combination is found in games and athletics, few courses in the secondary school can compete with physical training as an educative force at once physical, social and moral, and few courses can so readily stimulate the interest and endeavor of the pupils". (Inglis, Principles of Secondary Education, page 653). With the new gymnasium and the Frothingham Memorial Field both available, we have unexcelled facilities for carrying forward this program in our junior-senior high school.

The physical education program covers all grades in the public school system. The supervisor visits all elementary school rooms in town once in two weeks, and all junior-senior high school pupils have two class periods weekly in physical education. In addition the instructors coach school and class teams in football, basketball, baseball and field hockey.

SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS

A program of measuring scholarship standards and scholastic achievement through the use of standardized tests was carried on during 1931, in much the same way as in previous years. In grade one, since the work of this grade is chiefly learning to read, the Pressey First Grade Reading Test was used. In grades 2 to 8 inclusive Form X of the Stanford Achievement Test was used. Various achievement tests in the special fields of instruction in the junior-senior high school were used in grades 7 to 12 inclusive. The results are briefly summarized.

PRESSEY FIRST GRADE READING TEST. The standard score (median) for this test at the end of the first grade is 35. Our Easton median score was 37.

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TESTS. This test covers the fields of reading, spelling and arithmetic in grades 2 and 3, and reading, spelling, language, literature, history, geography, hygiene and arithmetic in grades 4 to 8 inclusive. The test results show that in May our pupils averaged as grade groups an educational age of from 1 to 11 months above their actual (chronological) ages, (see Table 1). Similarly, on a grade basis, our grades in May averaged from 1 to 6 school months above grade standards, with the exception of grade 8, which was one month below standard, (Table II). The following tables show these facts:

TABLE I.

Comparison of Actual Ages of Pupils with Educational Ages by Grades, Easton, May, 1931

Grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Average Actual Age, Years and Months	8-4	9-6	10-9	11-5	12-4	13-3	14-1
Average Educational Age, Years and Months	9-0	10-4	10-10	12-3	13-3	13-11	14-7
Difference in Months	*8	*10	*1	*10	*11	*8	*6

*Plus.

TABLE II.

Comparison of Easton Grade Scores with Standard Scores by Grades, Easton, May, 1931

Grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Easton Grade Scores	3.3	4.4	5.0	6.3	7.4	7.9	8.7
Standard Grade Scores	2.8	3.8	4.8	5.8	6.8	7.8	8.8
Difference in school months	*5	*6	*2	*5	*6	*1	†1

*Plus. †Minus.

TESTS IN HIGH SCHOOL. The tests used in the high school were of three types: (1) achievement tests in special subjects, (2) diagnostic tests (used in English classes, grades 7-12 inclusive), and (3) prognosis tests.

Achievement tests used and scores made by our pupils, as well as the standard scores are given below:

(1) American History. Test used, Gregory Test in American History, Test III, Form A. Grade tested, Juniors. Easton median score, 47.75. Standard median score, 48.

(2) World History. Test used, Gregory-Owens Test in Mediaeval and Modern History, Form B. Grades tested, freshmen and sophomores. Easton median score, 71.5. Standard median score, 69.

(3) Cooking. Test used, Engle-Stenquist Home Economics Test in Foods and Cookery, Form B. Pupils tested, grades 8 and 9. Easton median scores: grade 8, 64; grade 9, 73. Standard median scores: grade 8, 63; grade 9, 73.

(4) Sewing. Test used, Engle-Stenquist Home Economics Test in Clothing and Textiles, Form B. Pupils tested, grades 7 and 10. Easton median scores: grade 7, 50.5; grade 10, 64. Standard median scores, grade 7, 52; grade 10, 84. (These classes in Easton met only two periods weekly.)

(5) English, Freshmen and Sophomores. Test used, Tressler English Minimum Essentials Test, Form C. Easton median scores: freshmen, 40; sophomores, 51. Standard median scores: freshmen, 46.1; sophomores, 53.6.

(6) English, Juniors and Seniors. Test used, Cross English Test, Form A. Easton median scores: juniors, 147; seniors, 151. Standard median scores: juniors, 135; seniors, 141.

(7) Chemistry. Test used, Powers General Chemistry Test, Form A. Grades tested, juniors and seniors. Easton median score, College Preparatory Chemistry group, 41. Standard median score, 36. Easton median score, Practical Chemistry group,, 25. No standard score available for Practical Chemistry group.

(8) Physics. Test used, Columbia Research Bureau Physics Test, Form B. Grade tested, seniors. Easton median score, 41.5. Standard median score, 46.

(9) Biology. Test used, Presson Biology Test, Form A., Tests 1 and 2. Grade tested, sophomores. Easton median score, 105. Standard median score, 103.

(10) Plane Geometry. Test used, McIndis Geometry Test, Form B. Grade tested, sophomores. Easton median score, 46. Standard median score, 37.

(11) Freshman Algebra. Test used, Illinois Standardized Algebra Test. Easton median score, 31.5. Standard median score, 30.

(12) Advanced Algebra. Test used, Columbia Research Bureau Algebra Test, Form A. Grade tested, juniors. Easton median score, 30. Standard median score, 30.

(13) Trigonometry. Test used, American Council Trigonometry Test, Form A. Grade tested, seniors. Easton median score, 74. Standard median score, 70.

(14) Latin. Test used, White Latin Test, Form A. Grades tested, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors. Easton

median scores: freshmen, 99; sophomores, 120; juniors, 159; seniors, 166. Standard median scores: freshmen, 84; sophomores, 121; juniors, 147; seniors, 167.

(15) French. Test used, Columbia Research Bureau French Test, Form A. Grades tested, sophomores, juniors, seniors. Easton median scores: sophomores, 61; juniors, 149; seniors, 189. Standard median scores: sophomores, no standard given; juniors, 152; seniors, 185.

The above summary shows test results higher than standard in World History, eighth grade cooking, junior English, senior English, Chemistry, Biology, Plane Geometry, freshman Algebra, Trigonometry, freshman Latin, Junior Latin and senior French. Scores exactly equalling the standard scores were secured in ninth grade cooking and Advanced Algebra. Scores only a point or a fraction of a point below standard were obtained in American History (47.75 compared to a standard of 48), sophomore Latin (120 compared to a standard of 121), and senior Latin (166 compared to a standard of 167). Scores seriously below standard were obtained in seventh grade Sewing, tenth grade Sewing (in each of these courses the content of the test did not closely parallel the content of the course), freshman English, sophomore English, Physics, junior French.

Prognosis tests were given in the spring in the following subjects: Mechanical aptitude, grade 8; geometry, grade 9; Latin, grade 8; algebra, grade 8; modern language, grade 9; Prognosis tests are devised to predict the ability of pupils in a subject in advance of their enrollment in the subject, and were used experimentally this year with pupils who had enrolled to take the subjects mentioned above when the new school year opened in September. A study of the correlation of their predicted success with their actual success is being made, and if the results are worthwhile we will have at our disposal another device to aid in educational guidance.

The Pribble-McCrory English Minimum Essentials tests were given in the fall to all pupils in the junior-senior high school, primarily for their diagnostic value. The test results aid the English teachers in locating group and individual weaknesses. The grade medians, while of little significance compared to the diagnostic values of the tests, were as follows:

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12
Easton Median Scores	92	97	124	130	136	145
Standard Median Scores	85	95	118	130	139	142

The summary of our testing program outlined in the foregoing pages is presented as evidence which is free from the element of personal opinion that high grade work is being done in all departments of our school system.

SCHOOL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

The usual program in the field of health has been carried on in the schools during 1931. The employment of a full time nurse since September 1, instead of a half-time nurse as in the past, has enabled us to extend the educational phases of this activity. In his annual report, Principal Gilman H. Campbell speaks as follows of the work of the nurse in the high school:

> "The full time school nurse has meant a marked advance in health work in the high school this year. Through her activity our hearing tests were made by the audiometer instead of by the rather unsatisfactory whisper tests of the past and the results to my mind are far more dependable. The teachers

now have lists of pupils with definite defects of hearing serious enough to call for special seating of these pupils as well as for other special consideration. Through the cooperation of the school physician we have had a thorough physical examination of all pupils in our freshman class. The nurse has given us material assistance in following up absences due to ill health and in checking up on pupils returning to school after sickness. She has also been very helpful in developing proper health habits through conferences with individual pupils. The dental clinic financed by the Lions Club, the milk for underweight pupils paid for by the teachers, and periodic weighing of pupils all represent forward steps toward the best health program this school has yet maintained, especially since the increased time made possible by employing a full-time school nurse has led to a program of follow up work never before feasible."

The report of the school nurse, Miss Grace M. Murch, for the four months' period since she began her work in Easton, follows:

"Since the beginning of the school term eleven hundred eleven children have undergone a physical examination, either completely or briefly. The medical inspection of the pupils was in charge of Dr. R. B. Porter, the school physician; and he had as assistant, Miss Grace M. Murch, the school nurse.

"The findings from the examinations were not remarkable, thereby indicating the children were enjoying a normal degree of health. Among the defects noted all were remedial.

"It was recommended that twenty-seven pupils have their tonsils removed because of enlargement and conditions of the throat; and in the case of only three, were adenoids to be removed. Contacts with the families have been made, and a large percentage are making plans for this correction. In no case was there evidence of any active pulmonary conditions, or definite heart lesions. There were six cases of lateral curvature, which, in compliance with physician's advice, are to have suitable exercises, by the physical education instructors, Mr. Arthur L. Gemme and Miss Astrid Norling. According to the routine eye examinations, there were fifty-nine students with defective vision, and less than one per cent had supperating ears. With the use of the audiometer, a device especially employed for the accurate testing of ears, a number were found to have a definite hearing loss. There were only two students with weak feet. The dental defects were the most outstanding with a total of eighty-five per cent. Due to this appalling figure, it was deemed essential to do something about it at once.

"A dental campaign is in progress under the direction of the school nurse, and Dr. J. J. Dunley and Dr. H. R. Smith are making thorough mouth examinations. The plan of procedure is as follows:

1. Dental prophylaxis, which includes examination and instruction to the children in proper mouth hygiene and diet.
2. To advise the removal of all teeth that are infected.
3. To advise that all temporary teeth, as well as the first permanent molars, be filled unless they

are loose and nature is providing for the removal of them.

4. That the work shall be done by the family dentist and a dental certificate awarded each child when the work is complete.

"Illnesses so far this school year (to December 24) have been few, but there has been one case of poliomyelitis, one scarlet fever, three cases of appendicitis, two fractured collar bones and one fractured finger.

"The mental clinic was conducted this year, and it is hoped that the tuberculosis clinic will be operated as usual.

"The Immunization work for Dipththeria will be continued, and the usual Schick tests will be given."

Since the inauguration of our enlarged health program we have maintained close contact with representatives of the State Department of Public Health, who have been most willing to advise with us. We have extended the number of pupils who receive the complete physical examinations to include not only all beginners and all ten-year-olds, but all freshmen, as well as all members of boys' and girls' athletic squads. Through the Easton Teachers' Club milk and graham cracker lunches are being provided daily to all underweight children who would not otherwise be able to obtain them, and this work has been extended for the first time to the junior-senior high school. Through the cooperation of the Easton Lions Club a far-reaching dental program has been started, as explained above in the report of the nurse. Through the aid of Dr. J. J. Dunley a dental chair has been secured for the schools, without cost except for transportation.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHERS

A University Extension course in "Child Study from the Standpoint of Mental Hygiene" has been conducted on Tuesday afternoons at the high school by Mr. Jewel B. Knight of the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Thirty-four Easton teachers are enrolled in the course. A larger number of our teaching staff than usual has taken professional courses in recognized institutions of learning during 1931. Appended to this report is a table showing names of teachers who have taken courses in 1931 for professional improvement, and the titles of the courses pursued.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

The following paragraphs are extracts from the annual report of Principal Gilman H. Campbell of the Oliver Ames High School.

> "In other reports, I have had to devote considerable space to the matter of athletic finances. I am very glad to say that one outstanding achievement of the past year has been to balance this account so that we can enter 1932 practically free from debt. This has been made possible, of course, by the fact that we have been able to increase our gate receipts very materially since we have had available the facilities of the new gymnasium and of the Frothingham Memorial. In addition to this, because of our new field, we have been able to schedule more home games than would be the normal expectation, and we have limited our purchases of equipment to the most essential items. Baseball and track will undoubtedly prove financial losses again this spring and basketball will not show enough profit to cover these deficits but we are certainly better off financially in this department that we have been for some years. If we can secure

continued improvement, at our football games, I believe our receipts will almost carry our losing sports especially if we can get the results we have had this year in spite of the hard times through which we are passing.

"The Eastoner is continuing its creditable showing and began its work this fall with some sixty dollars in its treasury after all bills were paid. The managers have had a measure of difficulty this fall as merchants and business men, like the rest of us, are counting pennies and many of them hesitate to spend money for advertising through the doubtful medium of a school paper. However, sufficient support has been found and I think with proper checking on the part of the financial advisor, the 'Eastoner' can meet its bills without needing any 'benefits' whether dances or otherwise. The 'Eastoner Junior' had been abandoned this year in favor of a weekly column in the local paper supplemented by a bulletin each ranking period from the principal's office.

"The lunch counter deficit, which came to us last winter through a series of events over which we had no control, is slowly but surely diminishing. As the account shows, we are still doing business in red ink, but we hope and believe that by the close of school we can balance this account. We have combined the lunch periods of the junior and senior high groups, thus greatly reducing the serving expenses. This result is not as desirable as we could wish, as both Miss Conley and I agree that the greater separation we can maintain between senior and junior high pupils the better, as pupils of these two ages call for different training and different supervision and ought to be in a position to receive it. However, the loss is not so great that we can afford the added expense the divided recess necessitated. We do, however, need at least twenty-five new stools or chairs to accommodate those who wish to eat in the lunch room and who would do so if they had any opportunity to sit down.

"Our social events continue to reflect the improved conditions made possible by holding all these affairs in our own hall. Our program is arranged at the beginning of the year and any changes made arise from our own conditions and not from conflict with outside organizations. In this connection, I might add that if the school committee admits outside organizations to the hall, I sincerely hope that any such modification will retain at least three of the cardinal policies which have thus far been strictly maintained:

1. To insist that school events have absolute precedence over any outside interests.
2. To insist that it is unwise to admit outside activities which are to a large degree in competition with similar school functions.
3. To insist on the recognition of the fact that the gymnasium or assembly hall is in actual use more of the time than any other room or part of the building, practically all of the time from 8:30 a. m. to 4 or 5 p. m., five days a week with frequent evening and Saturday use in addition.

"The attendance at our functions has been orderly and we feel that the training given the pupils is of real and definite value for their social development just as our classes aim to contribute towards their mental growth. We are somewhat disturbed, however, by the problem of how to secure more wide spread participation in our dances by the pupils of the school. It is true that probably half the attendance at a typical class party are not members of the school and it is also true that the more timid and self-conscious of our pupils hesitate to dance when so many slightly older young men and women are present. Yet it is true that these older boys and girls are welcome guests and we like to have them come back to the high school and share in our good times. We have partially gotten away from the idea of open public dances by doing away with the sale of tickets at the door and we are working hard at devising other means of still further improving conditions.

"The class of 1931 presented the school with a speaker's stand and the money left by the class of 1930 for a school gift was used to purchase two platform chairs to match the stand, so that we now have the stage furniture we need for lectures or public meetings.

"We have continued the practice of assigning one assembly period to each home room for presenting one program during the year and we feel that the opportunity thus given for assuming responsibility and for participation in these programs before our student body is very valuable training for our boys and girls. In addition we have, from time to time, been able to present to our student body speakers from various fields who have been able to bring us a good deal of valuable information and inspiration.

"Our teachers' meetings have again aimed at participation by teachers in discussion of professional problems. We have tried to make these meetings valuable means of improving our work and not merely opportunities to bulletin matters of school routine. We plan to have a committee in charge of the main topic of discussion at each meeting and the results have been highly satisfactory.

"Most important of all, I believe the last year has shown a real improvement in scholarship and in instruction. The results of last spring's tests were on the whole, the best of the last three years. The school has been approved by Dartmouth College for the certificate privilege and Worcester Polytechnic Institute has renewed its approval, while the last renewal by the New England College Entrance Certificate Board was for the maximum period possible under its rules. The reports from our graduates who have gone away to college or normal school continue good and emphasize the fact often stated that any pupil of ability who is willing to work can go to the college of his choice and do satisfactory work on the basis of the preparation given by this high school. In this connection may I remind you again of the suggestion made by the principal of the Bridgewater Normal School that candidates for normal school ought to have the opportunity to take art work at least one year during their high school course."

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1931

The graduating class of 1931 numbered 43 members,—a somewhat smaller number than for several years. Graduation exercises were held in the high school auditorium on June 18. The Susan E. French Scholarship was awarded to

Miss Rita Mahoney, who has entered Boston University. This scholarship is available to the winner for a period of three years, provided the college record is satisfactory. The Federated Clubs Scholarship was awarded to Richard Hatchfield, now a freshman at Bowdoin College. The Laurel Club Scholarship was awarded to Miss Jeanette Parmenter, who is attending Bridgewater Normal School.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Elementary school work progressed without fundamental change from procedures of previous years. With the exception of the principalship at the North Easton Grammar School, the personal of the elementary teaching staff did not change from the previous year, except through transfers already mentioned. The number in the two special classes last June made it possible to get along in September with only one special class. The State Supervisor of Special Classes feels, however, that another special class teacher is needed in the system, and that she and the older special class pupils should be in the Junior High School rather than in an elementary school building.

CHANGES IN COURSES

With the opening of the new school year in September, a course in General Science for freshmen was offered in the high school. Heretofore either algebra or general mathematics was a required subject for all freshmen. The introduction of the science course enabled freshmen to elect general science instead of mathematics in certain courses, or in some instances to take both courses. We feel that this change enables the school better to adjust work to individual needs.

In grades 4 to 8 inclusive we are making a direct attempt to develop character education. Most of the schools' contributions to this problem must be indirect or incidental, as the opportunity presents itself, and our teachers are always on the alert for such opportunity. Through the use of Joseph B. Eagan's Monthly Service in Character Training we are attempting to create situations which will lend themselves to work of this type. Results of course are intangible, and it is difficult to estimate the value of this work.

A one-period-per-week course in Educational Guidance for grades 7 and 8 was established and put into operation with the opening of schools in September. While this course was planned essentially to develop through class work some knowledge of such school problems as intelligent choice of elective subjects and courses in the senior high school, aims, purposes and values of junior-senior high school work, effective ways of study, etc., it gives opportunity for much guidance work of a social type. It is too early to attempt to evaluate results of this course in our own junior high school, but such courses receive much emphasis in most progressive junior high schools.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Christmas exercises were held in all elementary schools on the afternoon of December 23. The Unionville School and the North Easton Grammar School held their exercises together in the high school gymnasium, and the Poquanticut and Union Schools held combined exercises at the latter school. Christmas gifts and candy, and for the North Easton Grammar School and Unionville School party an entertainment and ice cream, were made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Mary A. Frothingham and other members of the Ames family.

THE UNION SCHOOL BUILDING

In previous reports I have called attention to the serious defects of this building for school purposes. The most serious defect is the natural lighting. The size of the classrooms in this building is nearly twice that of the average classroom, resulting in rooms of great width. The windows are relatively small, are on two opposite sides of the rooms, and inadequate. Light thus comes from both the left and the right hand sides of the pupil, while it should come from the left, or the left and rear. To avoid danger of permanent injury to pupils' eyesight this situation should be remedied.

The grounds of the building are bare and most unattractive. Some grading and the developing of a portion of the grounds immediately in front of the building as a lawn, with suitable shrubbery, are needed.

These improvements are not proposed for the present year, and are too extensive to be made from the usual school appropriation. When normal economic conditions return, this problem should be given serious consideration.

IN MEMORY OF MARY A. STONE

In recognition of Miss Stone's forty-three years of devoted service to Easton Schools, the library at the North Easton Grammar School has been named the Mary A. Stone Library. Plans call for the gradual development of the library room, including eventually three reading tables and small chairs suitable for pupils of elementary school age. A portrait of Miss Stone has been presented the North Easton Grammar School by her sister, which will eventually be placed in the library of the building.

IN CONCLUSION

In last year's report I listed eleven school needs. Some accomplishment can be recorded regarding the first (greater attention to character education), the second (a guidance program in the junior high school), the fifth (greater emphasis on health education), the sixth (continued curriculum studies), and possibly in the seventh (closer contacts between the home and the school). We have failed in the eleventh (a system of school savings) because we could not get the cooperation of a savings bank. In the others little or no progress has been made since a year ago. They are (1) greater recognition of good scholarship in the high school, (2) increased development of school libraries in all schools, (3) improvement of playground facilities at the North Easton Grammar School, South Easton School, Union School and Eastondale School, (4) more attractive grounds at the Union School and (5) correction of the hygienic defects of the Union School building.

The great need of the public schools today is continued support of the public schools sufficient to prevent the loss of half the income of the Oliver Ames Bequest. The present business depression calls for all reasonable economy, but nothing should be done which will forever deprive the schools of $10,000.00 income annually from this bequest. The depression is, we believe, temporary, while this loss would be permanent. The amount per pupil which Easton must raise to insure the continuance of this income will drop exactly as it drops in the average of all towns in the state, except that it lags one year behind the state trend. Our requested appropriation is approximately $3,000.00 less than in 1931. A further reduction would necessitate a decided curtailment of educational activities which it has taken years to develop. Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, in the Boston Globe of January 17, 1932, admirably expresses our sentiments, as follows:

> "At no time in our history was there greater need for the influence of education upon our future citizens. It goes without saying that at this critical period, it would be a great mistake to weaken the services of any of our educational institutions. On the other hand they should be strengthened, no

> matter what the drain may be. Let the watchword be, therefore—not only will we not permit them to fall back in their educational services, but we will, in spite of the demands upon us, do what we humanly can to improve them."

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to you, the members of the School Committee, for assistance and advice given, for time freely devoted to school matters, and for your helpful understanding of school problems. Our records show that you have held twenty-one formal meetings of the School Committee during the year. I also wish publicly to state my appreciation of the loyalty of all teachers and janitors to their work and to the town's school system.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT C. MANN.

January 27, 1932.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COURSES TAKEN BY EASTON TEACHERS, 1931

TEACHER	COURSE	INSTITUTION
Ruby L. Barrows	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Caroline D. Belcher	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Letitia Bird	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Gilman H. Campbell	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mary F. Conley	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Louise E. Canegaly	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Margaret E. Dolan	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mary L. Dolan	Poetry	University Extension
	Drawing from Life	Copley Art School
Jessie A. Dix	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Clara A. Drake	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Arthur L. Gemme	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mary C. Gleason	Newer Teaching Techniques	University Extension
Edith V. Goff	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Florence M. Harris	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Eleanor I. Hartling	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
	Newer Teaching Techniques	University Extension
	Methods of Teaching Home Economics	Boston University
Mary V. Harvey	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Sadie L. Hurst	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Martha C. Johnson	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Roberta M. Kellogg	Child Psychology	Boston University
	Social Psychology	Boston University
	Sociology	Boston University
	Educational Sociology	Boston University
	Middle Grade Problems	Boston University
	Reconstruction of Arithmetic	Boston University
Doris W. Leach	Primary Methods	Boston University
	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mabel M. Leach	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension

Charles E. MacLeod	Public School Music	New Eng. Con. of Music
	Psychology of Learning	Boston University
	Freehand Drawing	Boston University
	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Gilbert C. Mann	Modern Educational Theories and Practices	Boston University
	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mildred V. Mara	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Dorothy S. Marshall	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Johanna G. McFadden	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Margaret M. Murphy	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Helen G. Murray	Constructions in Plane Geometry	Boston University
	Advanced Algebra	Boston University
	Modern Geometry	Boston University
	Recent Developments in Physics	Boston University
	Theory of Numbers	Boston University
	Teaching Latin in Secondary Schools	Boston University
Anabelle P. Newman	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Norman N. Nevins	Reorganization of Social Sciences	Boston University
	Educational Psychology	Boston University
Barbara Nickerson	Educational Psychology	Univ. of N. Brunswick
Astrid Nyquist	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mary A. O'Connell	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Mildred J. O'Connor	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Agnes E. Osgood	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Hilda F. Ramsay	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Leon A. Regan	Educational Psychology	Boston University
Mildred H. Shurtleff	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension
Robert N. Taylor	Later Greek Philosophy	University Extension
	American Party Government	University Extension
	American History, 1789-1930	University Extension
	Descriptive Astronomy	University Extension
Margaret C. Trefethen	History of Modern Philosophy	Harvard University
Henrietta Winchester	Child Study and Mental Hygiene	University Extension

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OAKES AMES BEQUEST

For the Year Ending December 31, 1931

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1931			$ 2,833.11
Received for 10,000 Nebraska Power & Light Company 5% Bonds, called at 105, July 24, 1931			10,500.00
Interest received		$ 4,415.55	
Less interest accrued on 2,000 Utah Light & Traction Company 5% Bonds, when purchased, June 23, 1931	$ 22.50		
and interest accrued on 12,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company 4½% Bonds, when purchased, September 9, 1931	148.50	171.00	4,244.55
			$17,577.66

EXPENDITURES

Doris W. Leach		$1,312.00
Eleanor I. Hartling		225.00
Walter H. Warriner		1,080.00
Charles E. MacLeod		513.00
Gilbert C. Mann		200.00
Clerk		50.00
Supplies bought	$240.82	
Less supplies sold	128.25	112.57
Securities purchased as investment:		
2,000 Utah Light & Traction Company 5% Bonds, at par	$2,000.00	
Commission	5.00	$ 2,005.00

12,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, 4½% Bonds, at 86	$10,320.00		
Commission	30.00	$10,350.00	
		$15,847.57	
Balance on hand December 31, 1931		1,730.09	$17,577.66

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE LUNCHROOM AND HOUSEHOLD ARTS DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1931

RECEIPTS

Balance, Checking Account, January 1, 1931	$ 81.16
Balance, Savings Account, January 1, 1931	7.61
Interest, Savings Account	.36
Food Sales	2,643.34
Cash Received from School Department for supplies used by Household Arts Department	25.00
Cash from Locker Fund	10.68
Total Receipts	$2,768.15

EXPENDITURES

Purchases per Check Book	$2,084.31	
Purchases from Savings Account	7.07	
Paid to Locker Fund	.90	
Gas	49.97	
Stamps	2.00	
Labor	543.50	
Miscellaneous	2.60	
Total Expenditures		$2,690.35
Balance per Check Book, December 31, 1931		$ 77.80

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1931	$ 77.80
Inventory	25.00
Accounts Receivable (due from teachers)	20.63
	$ 123.43
Bills Unpaid, December 31, 1931	250.99
Deficit, December 31, 1931	$ 127.56

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Oliver Ames High School Athletic Association

RECEIPTS, 1931

Received from admissions to games and rental of suits	$ 807.31
Amount raised for the Athletic Association by giving dances	28.25
Received proceeds of gymnasium exhibit	32.00
Received from Field Day	37.06
Received from Movies	59.93
Received Gift from Class of 1931	40.00
Received from Basketball schedule advertising	28.60
Received from Student Activities Fund	172.18
	$1,205.33

EXPENDITURES, 1931

Telephone	$ 8.55
Officials, referees	230.94
Equipment	316.65
School letters, insignia, etc.	25.21
Printing	51.33
Track Meet	17.71
Movies	21.55
Girls' Dances	7.55

Annual Dues, Massachusetts High School Athletic Association		2.00
Transportation		227.20
Stamps and Cards		1.80
Returned on Advertising		1.50
Guarantees, and division of receipts with visiting teams as agreed		216.73
Miscellaneous		11.12
		$1,139.84

RECAPITULATION

Receipts, 1931		$1,205.33
Bills Receivable		25.00
		$1,230.33
Expenditures, 1931	$1,139.84	
Bills Payable	77.75	$1,217.59
Balance, January 1, 1932		$ 12.74

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISIONS

January 1, 1931, to December 31, 1931

	General	High	Junior High	Elementary	Total
School Committee, Office, etc.	$ 207.64	....	....	....	$ 207.64
Superintendent's Traveling Expense	186.21	....	....	....	186.21
Supervisor of Attendance	178.00	....	....	....	178.00
Clerk	1,134.00	....	....	....	1,134.00
Supervisors' Expense	....	....	....	$ 86.82	86.82
Salaries	3,499.92	$23,234.66	$13,078.78	30,543.67	70,357.03
Textbooks	....	629.23	239.97	977.42	1,846.62
Supplies for Instruction	....	1,789.53	700.02	1,464.47	3,954.02
Janitors' Wages	....	1,479.46	1,254.94	3,352.19	6,086.59
Fuel	....	646.86	610.13	2,494.34	3,751.33
Janitors' Supplies	....	265.32	189.18	292.29	746.79
Water	....	87.36	56.71	109.80	253.87
Electricity	....	361.01	360.93	373.45	1,095.39
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	....	31.56	31.00	73.20	135.76
Repairs and Furnishings	....	1,465.30	337.33	1,590.98	3,393.61
Outlay	....	674.26	577.61	333.76	1,585.63
Health	....	502.90	301.74	1,206.97	2,011.61
Transportation	....	3,545.35	2,970.32	2,464.68	8,980.35
Tuition	362.57	....	....	....	362.57
Sundries	74.62	....	....	....	74.62
Graduation	....	72.52	....	....	72.52
Teachers' Convention	76.30	....	....	....	76.30
Insurance	1,543.73	....	....	....	1,543.73
Total Town	$7,262.99	$34,785.32	$20,708.66	$45,364.04	$108,121.01
Oakes Ames Fund	250.00	965.28	965.29	1,312.00	3,492.57
Total	$7,512.99	$35,750.60	$21,673.95	$46,676.04	$111,613.58
Average Membership	1,073.44	257.86	164.75	650.83	1,073.44
Cost per pupil in average membership, not including capital outlay	*$7.00	*$136.03	*$128.05	*$71.20	*$102.50

*Includes amount paid by Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds

Average in State, $100.77

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS–HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES IX TO XII .January 1, 1931—December 31, 1931

	General	Commercial	English	History	Household Arts	Latin	Mathematics	Modern Language	Practical Arts	Science	Physical Education	Total
Salaries	2,066.60	5,077.00	3,703.00	3,175.01	558.88	916.60	1,754.53	1,120.00	223.50	2,640.04	1,999.50	23,234.66
Textbooks	66.90	223.17	63.92	64.61	27.41	26.12	3.31	43.56		110.23		629.23
Supplies for Instruction	503.06	466.56	266.85	72.21	16.89			5.56	46.32	195.62	216.46	1,789.53
Janitors' Wages	1,479.46											1,479.46
Fuel	646.86											646.86
Janitors' Supplies	265.32											265.32
Water	87.36											87.36
Electricity	361.01											361.01
Misc. Operating Expenses	31.56											31.56
Repairs and Furnishings	1,258.15	207.15										1,465.30
Outlay	486.51	180.25								7.50		674.26
Health	502.90											502.90
Transportation	3,545.35											3,545.35
Graduation	72.52											72.52
Total	11,373.56	6,154.13	4,033.77	3,311.83	603.18	942.72	1,757.84	1,169.12	269.82	2,953.39	2,215.96	34,785.32
Oakes Ames Fund					112.50				852.78			965.28
Total*	11,373.56	6,154.13	4,033.77	3,311.83	715.68	942.72	1,757.84	1,169.12	1,122.60	2,953.39	2,215.96	35,750.60
Average Membership												257.86
Cost per pupil in average membership, not including outlay												136.03
Average in state, not including outlay												137.00

*Includes amount paid by Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES—OCTOBER 1, 1931

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	Sp. Cl.	Total
Oliver Ames High School								82	90	78	85	50	55	3		443
North Easton Grammar School	46	65	53	52	39	52	56								18	381
So. Easton School		12	14	14	16	25	20									101
Union School		17	16	15	18	8	17									91
Unionville School		7	3	4	8	5										27
Eastondale School		15	17	13	15											60
Poquanticut School		8	5	6	5											24
Total	46	124	108	104	101	90	93	82	90	78	85	50	55	3	18	1,127

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Registration by Subjects, October 1, 1931

	Composition	Literature	French	Latin	Mathematics	History	Civics	Problems of Democracy	Vocations and Guidance	General Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Hygiene	Stenography	Typewriting	Clerical Practice	Bookkeeping	Commercial Law	Office Practice	Penmanship	Spelling	Sewing	Cooking	Home and Health	Physical Education	Shop	Drawing	Music	Commercial Geography
Seniors	59	59	19	7	15	5		38		4	4	4	4		22	8		15	31	30						54			1	
Juniors	50	50	16	2	6	41		9		1		15	1		29	29		36								50		1	1	
Sophomores	84	84	22	2	19	22					57	2				41	47	9					17		34	82	18	1	3	
Freshmen	78	78		13	18	16	30		54	55	4													26		76	30	2	6	27
Grade 8	90	90			90	90			90	90											90	90		41		88	49	90	90	
Grade 7	82	82			82	82			82	28				54							82	82	43			80	39	82	82	

High School Graduation

June 18, 1931

1. Priest's March from “Athalia” Mendelssohn
   Orchestra
2. Class President's Address
   Richard Junior Hatchfield
3. The Union Soldier Thurston
   Rita Frances Mahoney
4. Anchored Walter Aiken
   Chorus
5. Furnace and I Bergengren
   John Warren Lewis
6. Women in the Medical Field
   Lephie Burt Thompson
7. The Heavens Are Telling, from “The Creation” Haydn
   Chorus
8. The Wheels of Time Barclay
   Helen Anderson
9. The League of Nations
   Everett Lewis Swift
10. L'Envoi Kipling
    Jeannette Wells Parmenter
11. Songes D'Amour Recker
    Orchestra
12. Awards of:
    (a) Susan E. French Scholarship to Rita Frances Mahoney
    (b) Easton Federated Clubs Scholarship to Richard Junior Hatchfield

(c) Laurel Club Scholarship (restricted to residents of South Easton and Eastondale) to Jeannette Wells Parmenter

(d) Washington and Franklin Medal to Adelaide Walborg Johnson

(e) Diplomas

Mrs. Mary L. Howard

13. Class Song Words by Rita Frances Mahoney
Senior Class

14. The Star Spangled Banner
Chorus and Audience

LIST OF HONORS

GENERAL HONORS

Graduated with High Honors

Rita Frances Mahoney
Everett Lewis Swift

Graduated with Honors

Helen Anderson
John Warren Lewis
Richard Junior Hatchfield
Jeannette Wells Parmenter
Lephie Burt Thompson

A pupil to be graduated with high honors must have an average of "A" in all subjects; to be graduated with honors he must have an average of "B".

SPECIAL HONORS

High Honors

Dorothy Virginia Anderson, Typewriting
Evald W. Carlson, Bookkeeping
Marie Annette Gauthier, Typewriting
Richard Junior Hatchfield, French

John Warren Lewis, French
Margaret Elizabeth Mahoney, Typewriting
Rita Frances Mahoney, Bookkeeping
Everett Lewis Swift, English, History and French

HONORS

Lois May Field, Typewriting
Thelma Margaret Haskins, Typewriting
Richard Junior Hatchfield, English
Annette Victoria Johnson, Stenography
Jeannette Wells Parmenter, History
Lephie Burt Thompson, English and French

Special honors are awarded as follows: High honors are given to pupils whose yearly marks in the particular subjects are all "A's"; honors are given to those who have received but one "B", all other yearly marks being "A". Honors will not be given in subjects requiring less than two years in the curriculum, nor to any pupil pursuing a subject less than the maximum number of years.

CLASS OF 1931

Olive Cecila Abrahamson
Allen Charles Anderson
Dorothy Virginia Anderson
Helen Anderson
Olive Marie Anderson
Alma Frances Binney
Jessie Brigham Brooks
Richard Michael Brophy
Carolyn May Buck
Evald W. Carlson
Margaret Loretta Coughlin
Clara Barton Day
Burton M. Field, Jr.
Jean Louise Field

Lois May Field
Francis Denis Galvin
Marie Annette Gauthier
Delana Augusta Gifford
Alden Evald Hanson
Thelma Margaret Haskins
Richard Junior Hatchfield

George Edward Healey
Ruth Lillian Holster
Dana Norris Horton
Howard Hall Jennings
Annette Victoria Johnson
John Warren Lewis
Roy A. Lundgren
Earl F MacNayr

Margaret Elizabeth Mahoney
Rita Frances Mahoney
Barbara Frances Nolan
Jeannette Wells Parmenter
Marjorie Louise Peck
Isabelle Patricia Regan
David Manley Rohdin

Ralph Arnold Sampson
Dorothy Adell Soule
Everett Lewis Swift
Helen Elizabeth Talbot
Lephie Burt Thompson
Marion Arlene Williams
Mary F. Reardon

ROLL OF HONOR

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY
SCHOOL YEAR 1930-1931

(Figures opposite names indicate number of semesters.)

OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL

Alden Hanson	2
David Rhodin	2
Arnold Sampson	2
Everett Swift	2
Evald Carlson	1
Jessie Brooks	1
Delana Gifford	1
Rita Mahoney	2
Marjorie Peck	1
Richard Brophy	1
Oren Spinney	2
Joseph Stone	1
John Wood	1
Olive Gibbs	1
Marie White	1
Eldon Abrahamson	2
Anna Brophy	2
Lawrence Fridell	2
Joseph Galvin	2
Minnie Nystrom	2
George Rollins	2
Margaret Bruce	1
Albert Bailey	1
Alice Christensen	1
Muriel Dahlborg	1
Alice Harvey	1
Harvey Johnson	1
Ruth Johnson	1
Doris Pittsley	1
Sena Plygavka	2
Arthur Leonard Anderson	2
Elmer Anderson	1
Dorothy Case	1
Bertha Hatch	1
Esther Reed	1
John Davis	1
Stafford Francis	1
Richard Lind	1
John Lindsey	1
Marguerite Craig	2
Mildred Dunn	1
Phyllis Hackett	1
Iva Hatch	2
Adeline Kalium	1
Eileen Lordon	1
Clarence Cogswell	1
Charles Diamond	1
Harold Palm	1
Robert Sampson	2
Martin Swanson	1
Astrid Oman	1
Belmedo Rego	1
Mary Rhodin	2

Adelaide Johnson	1	Dorothy Sherman	2
Jane Kent	1	Gladys Soule	2
Ruth Pittsley	1	Gladys Thomas	1
Willard McAloney	1	Lois Varney	2
Marion Samuelson	1	Helen Anderson	2
Winslow Conant	2	Esther Conant	1
Joel Johnson	2	Anna Correia	1
Verner Lundgren	1	Clyde Craig	2
Esther Anderson	2	Dorothy Erickson	2
Stanley Borgeson	1	Marion Gustafson	2
Vincent Galvin	1	John Holmes	2
Joseph Dahlborg	1	Frederick Noyes	1
Henry Peterson	1	Matilda Pontes	2
Ruth Banks	2	Roland Rhodin	2
Beatrice Hammond	2	Marjorie Weeks	1
Richard Harris	1	June Wry	1
Vera Katwick	1		

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 8

Alice Andrews	1	Blanche Dimond	1
Phyllis Eames	1	Grace Greenlaw	1
Lester Hamilton	2	Rosamond Holmes	2
Emma Hartland	2	Alfred Jermolovich	1
Arthur McDonald	2	Victor Johnson	1
Evelyn Anderson	1	Esther Lawson	1
Martha Anderson	1	Vernon Lawson	1
Edith Chevers	2	Kenneth Watson	1
Elizabeth Clarke	2		

Grade 7

Ernest Brown	1	Greta Erickson	1
Dorothy Craig	1	Rita Bradley	1
Doris Johnson	1	Virginia Pires	1
Judith Larson	1	Claire McNamara	1
Everett Lindgren	1	Helen Roche	1

Richard Maliff	1	Norma Watson	2
Earl Peterson	1	Dorothy Binford	1
William Rollins	1	Rita Furlong	1
Alice Smith	2	Chesley Green	2
Leonard Anderson	2	Ellen Oman	1
John Lahey	1	Elna Peterson	1
John Brown	2	Robert Standley	1
Kenneth Swanson	1	Dorothy Varney	1

NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Grade 6

Alton Anderson	2	Edward Reilly	1
Elmer Leonard	1	Barbara Pulsifer	1
Herbert Leonard	1	Elsa Johnson	1
Earl Pulsifer	1	Lilly Carlson	1
John Rego	1		

Grade 5

Elwyn Coggan	1	Katharine Mahoney	1
Paul Webster	1	Beatrice Correia	1
Fridolf Carlson	1	Rita McDonald	1
Donald Craig	2	Doris Lundgren	1
Harold Craig	1	Ralph Dahlberg	1
Mildred Peterson	1	William O'Connell	1
Ray Miller	1	Harold Thomas	1
Anna Anderson	1	Stanislaw Stepanski	1
Ruth Anderson	2	Lillian Anderson	1
Evelyn Benson	1	Virginia Nolan	1
Doris Erikson	1		

Grade 4

Joseph Correia	1	Julia Anderson	1
Arthur Nolan	1	Margaret Correia	1
James Locke	1	Edna Erickson	1
Harold Holmes	1	Isabelle Quintel	1
Frank Correia	1	Ruth Reardon	1

George Edlund	1	Rose Varella	2
Joseph Foley	1	Ruth Chevers	2
William Berglund	2		

Grade 3

John Kent	1	Margaret Kempf	2
Manuel Ornellas	2	Helen Peterson	2
Edith Evarts	1	Grace Reardon	1
Harold Anderson	2		

Grade 2

Carleton Soule	1	Dorothy Hatchfield	1
Eleanor Gauthier	1	Marjorie Holmes	1
Shirley Nolan	1	Kathleen Kent	1
Margaret Tracey	1	Geraldine Lahey	1
Americo Correia	1	Edgar Craig	1
Alice Benson	2	Joseph Gonsalves	1
Evelyn Carlson	1	Ethel Anderson	1

Grade 1

Richard Coleman	1	John Silva	1
Elsie Erickson	1	Maurice Kent	1
Joseph Lynch	1	Jacqueline Nihan	1
Joseph DeConceicao	1	Philomena Pontes	2

Kindergarten

Ralph Patterson	2	Dorothy Holmes	1
Norman Benson	1	Mary Louise Horton	1
Otis Forbes	1	Donald Molander	1
Arthur Lynch	1	Mary Connolly	1
Wallace McCann	1	Barbara Tessier	1
Walter Johnson	1	Mary Texiera	1

Special Classes

Alice Goldthwaite	1	Raymond Simmons	1

SOUTH EASTON SCHOOL

Forrest Bailey	1	John Hogan	1
Allan Sherman	2	Virginia Shepherdson	1
Albert Spinney	1	Audrey Snowdale	1
Francis Walette	2	Edna Murray	2
Ruth Hill	1	Priscilla Hayward	1
Ruth Oman	2	Lawrence Copeland	2
Edna Willis	1	Myrtle White	1
Virginia Canegaly	1	Monica Furlong	1
Ruth Copeland	2	Constance Gomes	1
Mildred Johnson	2	Filhomena Gomes	1
Frances Parker	1	Harold Walett	1
Ralph Bruce	2	Robert Crandall	2
William Furlong	2	Edward Furlong	1

EASTONDALE SCHOOL

Myrtle Millet	1	Ralph Parker	2
George Leyland	1	Edward Oman	1
Richard Southworth	2	Warren Willis	1
Alton Alger	2	Mary Williams	2
Roy Farnham	2	Clara Smith	1
Ralph Nystrom	1	Muriel Smith	1

UNION SCHOOL

Misah Dishian	1	Everett Dunn	2
Arthur Dunn	2	Charles Harvey	1
Ralph Harvey	1	Frank Hewitt	1
Mildred Chipman	2	Stanley Smith	1
Ruth Clements	1	Eleanor Cressey	2
Bertha Earle	1	Edith Lewis	1
Beulah Earle	1	Edna Murray	1
Emily Henry	1	Ainas Niemi	1
Phyllis Murray	1	Nina Veinot	1
Frances Stewart	2	Feona Plygavka	1
Endora Monroe	2	Ethel LaRue	1
Joseph Canty	1	Vina Earle	1

POQUANTICUT SCHOOL

Edward Traegde	2	Winifred Willis	1
Kenneth Traegde	1	Frederick Rego	1
Louis Anderson	1		

UNIONVILLE SCHOOL

James Baker	2	Ruth Leonard	1
Stanley Marshall	1	Hazel Studley	1
Edgar Leonard	1	Dorothy Watts	1

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